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Diane Citrino Joins Giffen & Kaminski, LLC

November 1, 2014, Cleveland, Ohio – Cleveland-based law firm, Giffen & Kaminski, LLC welcomes Diane Citrino as a partner at the firm. Diane has litigated housing and employment discrimination cases for over 25 years and as a former Regional Director for the Ohio Civil Rights Commission, she led investigations into thousands of cases involving discrimination in housing, employment and public accommodations. Diane is a nationally recognized, award-winning fair housing enforcement advocate whose extensive background and courtroom experience have enabled her to build an excellent reputation with her clients, the judiciary and her peers. Diane commented that the move is “a perfect fit for my clients and for me personally.”

Currently, Diane serves as Chair of the Ohio Advisory Committee to the U.S. Civil Rights Commission. As a longstanding AV rated lawyer by Martindale-Hubbell, she is devoted to the legal profession where she is recognized as a life member of The Eighth District Judicial Conference and as a member of the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association, the Federal Bar and the Ohio Women's Bar Association. Diane is also a former Trustee of the Cleveland Bar Association.

Diane is a nationally known leader in the area of fair housing enforcement. In October 2014, she was honored by the Fair Housing Contact Service (FHCS) as a Friend of Fair Housing Award recipient. This Award recognizes individuals who have furthered the cause of Fair Housing in the Northeast Ohio community and was presented during FHCS' 49th Annual Meeting and Luncheon.

Diane is a sought after speaker and author on a variety of topics related to her areas of practice. Recently, Diane was invited to be the featured speaker at a National Fair Housing Alliance (NFHA) hosted webinar, which was partially funded by a Housing and Urban Development Fair Housing Initiative Program Grant. Diane's topic was “Fair Housing Act: Sex Discrimination, Sexual Harassment and Discrimination.” This well-attended webinar had over 600 participants, including attorneys, employees of nonprofit fair housing organizations, disability rights organizations, nonprofit housing counseling agencies, nonprofit legal services organizations, Fair Housing Assistance Programs and federal, state and local housing related agencies.

Additionally, in November 2014, Diane Citrino was selected to be one of the featured panelists for the Committee on Regional Training's Discovery Training. The panel presentation entitled, “Compelling Discovery; Sanctions, Objections; Protective Orders, and Abusive Discovery,” included Magistrate Judge David R. Grand, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan and Janet E. Hales, Director of

Advocacy, Legal Aid of Western Ohio. As part of this presentation, Diane will be sharing her experience and insights on compelling discovery, abusive discovery, protective orders and sanctions.

"We are excited to have Diane join our GK team, as we have admired and respected her work over the years. She will enable our firm to expand our employment litigation and counseling services for businesses locally and nationally," said Kerin Kaminski. "It will be beneficial to offer independent investigation services to our clients from a seasoned professional, who is well regarded in the legal and business community," added Karen Giffen.

About Giffen & Kaminski

Established in 2004, Giffen & Kaminski is celebrating its 10th anniversary as a women-owned law firm based in Cleveland, Ohio. The firm represents clients in a wide range of industries, including: financial services, title insurance, real estate, manufacturing, healthcare, professional services, insurance and retail. The firm prides itself on delivering practical results to business by bringing creativity and smart thinking to every client engagement.

Giffen and Kaminski is committed to the idea that diversity brings better results for clients and a more fulfilling work experience for our team. Civic involvement, development of the profession and public service are critical attributes of the attorneys and staff at Giffen & Kaminski.



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