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Richard L. Byrne named 2012 Pittsburgh Intellectual Property Lawyer of the Year by The Best Lawyers in America®.

PITTSBURGH, PA – *The Best Lawyers in America*® is the oldest and most respected peer-review publication in the legal profession. Regarded by both the profession and the public as the definitive guide to legal excellence in the United States, *Best Lawyers* names only one lawyer per specialty in each community as the “Lawyer of the Year.”

Steven Naifeh, President of *Best Lawyers*, says, “We continue to believe –as we have believed for more than 25 years– that recognition by one’s peers is the most meaningful form of praise in the legal profession. We would like to congratulate Richard L. Byrne on being selected as the ‘Pittsburgh *Best Lawyers* Intellectual Property Lawyer of the Year for 2012.’”

“The lawyers being honored as “Lawyer of the Year” have received particularly high ratings in our surveys by earning a high level of respect among their peers for their abilities, professionalism and integrity,” Naifeh adds.

Selection to *Best Lawyers* is based on an exhaustive and rigorous peer-review survey, which is comprised of more than 2.8 million confidential evaluations by the top attorneys in the country. Mr. Byrne was also awarded this distinction for 2011.

Mr. Byrne is a Director at The Webb Law Firm and serves as the Firm’s Secretary. During his over 30-years as an Intellectual Property attorney, Mr. Byrne has counseled clients on the importance of patent protection, prepared applications and obtained patents to protect a wide range of innovations, technologies and discoveries. He’s advised general practice attorneys on new regulations, and litigated infringement cases – obtaining

settlements or providing legal representation for clients in federal court. With a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from Carnegie Mellon University and a Juris Doctor from George Washington University National Law Center, Mr. Byrne has expertise both in patent law and an understanding of technology needed to protect his client's valuable intellectual assets.

The Webb Law Firm has been helping innovators safeguard their discoveries, advance their technologies and achieve historic milestones since 1845. The Firm's patent attorneys hold dual degrees in law and sciences and combine their legal expertise with an in-depth personal understanding of business and industry. The Webb Law Firm is located in downtown Pittsburgh.

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