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ATTORNEYS JERRY M. MARKOWITZ, THOMAS RINGEL, CANDIS TRUSTY AND ROSS R. HARTOG NAMED 2012 BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA

Miami, FL – September 14, 2011 – Four shareholders from the law firm of Markowitz, Ringel, Trusty and Hartog, P.A. have been selected by their peers for the *Best Lawyers in America* 2012 edition, the definitive guide to legal excellence in the United States. Bankruptcy attorney and managing shareholder Jerry M. Markowitz; Real Estate attorney and shareholder Thomas Ringel; Elder Law attorney and shareholder Candis Trusty; and Bankruptcy attorney and shareholder Ross R. Hartog, have all been named *Best Lawyers*.

The 17th edition of *Best Lawyers* is based on a rigorous peer-review survey comprised of more than 2.5 million confidential evaluations by the top attorneys in the country on legal abilities of other lawyers in their specialties. Inclusion in *Best Lawyers* is considered a singular honor.

One of South Florida's leading business and bankruptcy reorganization law practitioners, founding shareholder Jerry M. Markowitz is also ranked in the top 100 Florida Super Lawyers and is named in the 2011 issues of Chambers & Partners, a Top Lawyer in South Florida in the South Florida Legal Guide and Florida Trend magazine's Florida Legal Elite. He is also a former president of the Bankruptcy Bar Association of the Southern District of Florida.

Founding shareholder Thomas Ringel is one of Miami's foremost real estate attorneys, having performed countless residential and commercial real estate closings in south Florida for

more than 33 years. He is also a Top Lawyer in the South Florida Legal Guide, a 2011 Super Lawyer and in Florida Trend magazine's Florida Legal Elite 2011 list.

Named one of the Top 50 Women Super Lawyers and a Florida Trend magazine Florida Legal Elite, shareholder Candis Trusty focuses on the practice of probate, guardianship and elder law, as well as complex commercial litigation. An active community leader, Trusty is a frequent lecturer on topics related to probate, guardianship and elder law before local business groups, professional organizations, civic groups, schools and corporations. She is widely recognized for her commitment to the elderly and the indigent in the community.

Hartog is a member of the firm's bankruptcy practice where practices in the areas of creditors' and debtor rights, including workouts, bankruptcy, asset recovery, insolvency, receiverships, reorganizations and restructuring. He is named a Top Lawyer in the South Florida Legal Guide and in Florida Trend magazine's Florida Legal Elite. Hartog is a Chapter 7 bankruptcy trustee for the Southern District of Florida, a former president of the Bankruptcy Bar Association of the Southern District of Florida, and an adjunct professor of law at Nova Southeastern University School of Law, where he teaches an advanced bankruptcy seminar.

The law firm of Markowitz, Ringel, Trusty & Hartog, P.A. focuses on the representation of businesses, institutions and individuals in appeals, bankruptcy and workouts, receiverships, creditors' rights, mediation-arbitration services, commercial litigation, probate and guardianship, elder law, civil litigation, family and real estate law. For more information, please visit www.mrthlaw.com.

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