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## MICHAEL J. CANNING AND PATRICK S. CONVERY NAMED MEMBERS OF MILLION DOLLAR ADVOCATES FORUM

MIDDLETOWN, NJ – Giordano, Halleran & Ciesla announces that Michael J. Canning of Wall Township, and Patrick S. Convery of Tinton Falls, have been certified as members of the Million Dollar Advocates Forum. The Million Dollar Advocates Forum is recognized as the most prestigious group of trial lawyers in the United States. Membership is limited to attorneys who have won million and multi-million dollar verdicts, awards and settlements. Members must have acted as principal counsel in at least one case in which their client has received a verdict, award or settlement of one million dollars or more. Less than 1% of U.S. lawyers are members.

Canning, an officer and shareholder of the firm, co-chairs the firm's Litigation Practice Area. He devotes his practice primarily to commercial litigation with emphasis in the following areas: professional malpractice, general civil and commercial litigation; insurance litigation; contract and corporate litigation. Mr. Canning litigates and tries contested civil cases in state and federal courts including the Third Circuit Court of Appeals and U.S. District Court. He has also been certified by the New Jersey Supreme Court as a civil trial attorney.

Convery, an officer and shareholder of the firm, is a member of the firm's Corporate and Securities Law Practice Area. He devotes his practice primarily to corporate law, mergers and acquisitions, business law, shareholder disputes, business litigation and corporate finance. He represents purchasers and sellers of businesses, including transactions involving asset sales, stock purchases, mergers and consolidations and advises clients in various business matters. Convery also represents clients in shareholder disputes, corporate litigation and business litigation.

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