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FOUNDING PARTNERS JOE OWEN AND MARY BURKEY OWENS NAMED TO BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA

MIDLOTHIAN, VA (August 27, 2014) – The law firm of **Owen & Owens** is proud to announce that two of its founding partners, **Joe Owen and Mary Burkey Owens**, have been selected by their peers to be included in the 2015 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*®.

Since it was first published in 1983, *Best Lawyers*® has become universally regarded as the definitive guide to legal excellence. *Best Lawyers* is based on an exhaustive peer-review survey. Over 52,000 leading attorneys cast more than 5.5 million votes on the legal abilities of other lawyers in their practice areas. Lawyers are not required or allowed to pay a fee to be listed; therefore inclusion in *Best Lawyers* is considered a singular honor. *Corporate Counsel* magazine has called *Best Lawyers* “the most respected referral list of attorneys in practice.”

Joe Owen was selected for *Best Lawyers* for the first time this year in the categories of Litigation – Health Care and Litigation – Insurance. Owen is a successful trial lawyer representing individuals and businesses in civil and commercial litigation, criminal defense, personal injury, real estate, estate planning, corporate and construction law. He is chairman of the Drug Court Foundation of Chesterfield County and a founding member of North Star Community, which provides a Christ-centered approach to substance abuse recovery. In 2011 Owen was named one of the “Leaders in the Law” by *Virginia Lawyers Weekly*, recognizing him for his leadership in the legal profession and service to the community. In 2013, he was the recipient of the Virginia State Bar’s Tradition of Excellence Award, and earlier this year he was named to *Virginia Super Lawyers* in the General Litigation category for the sixth consecutive year.

Mary Burkey Owens was selected for *Best Lawyers* for the third consecutive year. This year she is recognized in the categories of Family Law, Family Law Mediation and Collaborative Law - Family Law. Owens has handled complex custody, divorce, support and equitable distribution cases for over 25 years and has been trained both as a mediator and as a collaborative lawyer. She is a founding member and former president of the Metro Richmond Family Law Bar and past president of the Chesterfield County Bar Association. In 2011 Owens was honored by

Virginia Lawyers Weekly as one of the “Influential Women of Virginia” who are making notable contributions to their profession and community. Earlier this year she was named to the Top 50 Richmond, Top 50 Women and Top 100 *Virginia Super Lawyers*, indicating she had one of the highest point totals in the nomination, research and review process.

About the Firm:

From family law to personal and commercial representation, Owen & Owens focuses its practice on the premise that “Every Client Matters.” For more information, please visit www.owenowens.com.

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