

Six Cozen O'Connor Members Named to SmartCEO's 2012 Legal Elite List

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PHILADELPHIA, December 18, 2012 – Michael J. Heller, Larry P. Laubach, Steven N. Haas, Jeffrey A. Leonard, Herman C. Fala, and Jeffrey G. Weil were named to the Philadelphia *SmartCEO*'s 2012 list of Legal Elite. The list, based on *SmartCEO*'s reader responses, was included in the December 2012 edition. This is the second year in a row Mr. Heller, the firm's president and executive office, Mr. Laubach, chair of the Corporate Law Practice Group, and Mr. Haas, vice chair of the corporate law practice, have received this honor.

In addition to listing each attorneys' name, law firm, and practice area, the magazine included a quote from a client and *SmartCEO* reader, about the individual. Mr. Fala, co-chair of the firm's Real Estate Practice Group, was described as "truly the quintessential renaissance man, Herman Fala is the consummate attorney and a man whose character is to be emulated. His expertise, diligence, outstanding intellect and quiet, thoughtful reasoning are admired by all who know him and his friendship is valued most of all."

A client of Mr. Weil, co-chair of the firm's Litigation Department, is "impressed with Jeff's unique ability not only to provide creative and excellent legal services, but also to serve as an effective member of our corporate team, providing valuable strategic business advice, which has immensely contributed to our overall success through increasing revenues threefold and expanding the profitability of our two manufacturing companies."

Mr. Haas' client noted, "For more than 10 years Steve Has provided expert transaction advice to our clients as well as my firm for several mergers, acquisitions and sales, and he has been an integral part of our team."

According to Mr. Heller's client his "legal savvy and business acumen have been an important asset to our business.

Mr. Laubach was praised as "the go-to resource we've come to rely on because of his expert guidance, clear thinking and tireless work; our business wouldn't be where it is today without him."

The chairman and principal of a real estate investment company said of Mr. Leonard, "I have tremendous respect for Jeff Leonard, not only as an attorney but for his business acumen. He is able to break things down and simplify them. He listens, evaluates and gives clear-cut advice in addition to being a great quality guy."

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Established in 1970 and ranked among the 100 largest law firms in the United States, Cozen O'Connor has 575 attorneys who help clients manage risk and make better business decisions. The firm counsels clients on their most sophisticated legal matters in all areas of the law, including litigation, corporate, and regulatory law. Representing a broad array of leading global corporations and ambitious middle market companies, Cozen O'Connor serves its clients' needs through 21 offices across two continents.

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