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(Boston, MA. – January 2018) Hermes Netburn shareholder, Holly Polglase, is honored as “Best Lawyer of the Year” in the 2018 *Best Lawyers in America* publication.

Also named to the directory are shareholders John R. Felice, Peter G. Hermes, Kevin J. O’Connor, and Anthony J. Sbarra, Jr. This distinction is only bestowed upon the most esteemed lawyers in the industry, recognizing only 4% of the attorneys in the United States. Hermes, Netburn is particularly proud of this recognition, as it reflects the firm’s commitment to excellence in the legal profession. The firm’s lawyers strive to provide their clients with innovative and practical solutions at unsurpassed value. Hermes Netburn’s lawyers represent national and international businesses, insurance companies and individuals in a wide range of matters throughout New England and beyond.

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Holly M. Polglase is recognized by *Best Lawyers* as a “Best Lawyer of the Year” in 2018. Named to the directory for many years, Holly’s work is again honored in the areas of Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions—Defendants, Personal Injury Litigation—Defendants and Product Liability Litigation—Defendants. Holly is a well-known lawyer who acts as lead counsel in the defense and trial of complex product liability, pharmaceutical, medical device, toxic tort, asbestos, general liability and commercial matters. With over twenty-five years of experience, Holly represents product manufacturers, sellers and other businesses for catastrophic losses. Holly has a rich history of serving her industry, most recently as the 2018 Chair of the ABA’s Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section (TIPS).

John R. Felice is recognized by *Best Lawyers* in the Personal Injury Litigation—Defendants category. John is recognized for his substantial experience representing insurers, insurance claim administrators, and other stakeholders in connection with complex insurance coverage matters involving toxic tort, asbestos, fidelity, bad faith, products liability, general liability, professional liability, directors and officers liability, sexual abuse and other claims.

Peter G. Hermes is recognized by *Best Lawyers* in the Insurance Law category. Peter is the President and a founding shareholder of Hermes, Netburn, O’Connor & Spearing, P.C. He has over forty years of experience handling cutting edge insurance coverage, bad faith and complex construction matters. His broad trial practice also includes cases involving surety law,

corporate disputes, intellectual property rights, patent licensing agreements, defamation claims and environmental torts.

Kevin J. O'Connor is recognized by *Best Lawyers* in the Insurance Law category. Kevin is a founding shareholder of Hermes, Netburn, O'Connor & Spearing, P.C. and has over twenty-five years of experience handling all aspects of trial, arbitration and appeal in insurance and reinsurance coverage matters. He also has extensive experience in construction, surety, environmental and commercial matters.

Anthony J. Sbarra, Jr. is recognized by *Best Lawyers* in the Personal Injury Litigation—Defendants category. Tony's practice focuses in civil litigation with an emphasis on products liability and toxic torts. He defends manufacturers of automobiles, light, medium and heavy trucks, construction equipment, farm/agricultural equipment, electrical equipment, wire and cable and other products in products liability cases. Tony also defends toxic tort actions, particularly those involving asbestos.

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