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Hahn Loeser Attorney Steven H. Gariepy Elected to Board of Directors of Cleveland International Piano Competition

December 2, 2009 — Cleveland, OH — The Cleveland International Piano Competition recently announced that Stephen H. Gariepy has been elected to the organization's board of directors. Mr. Gariepy is a partner with the Cleveland-based law firm of Hahn Loeser & Parks LLP.

In its 30 years, the Cleveland Competition has grown steadily in size, stature and visibility. Each year, four finalists perform their concerto rounds with the Cleveland Orchestra at Severance Hall. As the only piano competition in the world that has an orchestra of this world-class stature for its final rounds, the Cleveland Competition is ranked in the top echelon of music competitions. The Competition also presents the largest first prize cash award of any international piano competition, plus provides two years of management service for a 50-concert tour, a compact disc recording on the prestigious Naxos label, and a New York recital debut at Carnegie Hall.

Co-chair of Hahn Loeser's Trusts and Estates Group, Mr. Gariepy focuses his practice in leading-edge estate planning techniques for businesses, families and individuals. He was named "2009 Distinguished Estate Planner of the Year" by the Estate Planning Council of Cleveland; additionally, he is a Fellow of the American College of Trust & Estate Counsel, and is listed in the 2006-2010 editions of *The Best Lawyers in America*[®] and the 2004-2009 editions of "Ohio Super Lawyers" by *Law and Politics* magazine. Mr. Gariepy is admitted to practice in Ohio, Florida, and Arizona.

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