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HOWARD & HOWARD'S MICHAEL J. MINNA TO PARTICIPATE IN DETROIT REGIONAL CHAMBER'S LEADERSHIP DETROIT CLASS XXXVI

Royal Oak, Michigan, September 25, 2014: Howard & Howard Attorneys PLLC is pleased to announce that **Michael J. Minna** has been selected to participate in the Detroit Regional Chamber's Leadership Detroit program, a 10-month transformational leadership program designed to challenge emerging and existing community leaders from Southeast Michigan to bring about positive change.

"I am extremely honored and excited to join Leadership Detroit. This is a great opportunity to expand my understanding of the issues facing the Detroit region and work with other individuals interested in making a difference in the community," said Michael Minna.

As part of Leadership Detroit's Class XXXVI, Michael Minna will join 70 executives from across the region, representing a cross-section of the community, including business, organized labor, government, education, media, civic groups, health services and community organizations.

"We have a rich tradition as 'makers' in this region that sets us apart. Southeast Michigan sets the standard of what is possible when creativity, ingenuity and hard work come together," said **Dan Piepszowski**, senior director of community leadership development at the Detroit Regional Chamber. "Our region's future success relies on these same ingredients shaped in new ways by leaders like these who are making a commitment to challenge long-held assumptions, embrace multiple perspectives and connect with their passion."

Leadership Detroit provides opportunities for participants to foster problem-solving, while providing new views on key issues to lead the region to success. As it has since 1979, Leadership Detroit will continue its role in addressing, discussing and leading conversations important to the Detroit region. The complete Leadership Detroit Class XXXVI roster is available at detroitchamber.com/ld.

Michael J. Minna concentrates his practice in intellectual property law with an emphasis on preparing and prosecuting U.S. and foreign patent applications primarily in the mechanical arts. He has prepared and prosecuted patent applications in numerous mechanical and electro-mechanical technologies including medical

devices, automotive antenna systems, automotive seating, automotive steering and suspension components, automotive driveline components, automotive cooling and climate control systems, building window and door systems, exterior building and construction components, alternative pavement designs, and silicon manufacturing apparatuses. In addition to preparing and prosecuting patent applications, Mr. Minna is experienced in counseling clients on patent matters such as freedom to operate, infringement and invalidity opinions.

Mr. Minna joined Howard & Howard in 2007 as an intern in its intellectual property law internship program. As an intern, he trained in the practice of patent law by preparing and prosecuting patent applications under close supervision of senior partners while attending law school in the evenings. Mr. Minna received his J.D., *cum laude*, from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law in 2010, where he was a founding member of the Intellectual Property Law Society. He received his B.S. in Civil Engineering from Michigan State University in 2002.

Prior to joining Howard and Howard, Mr. Minna worked for Professional Engineering Associates as a staff engineer (2004-2007) and Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc. as a project engineer (2002-2004). In these capacities he was responsible for performing plan reviews, designing residential and commercial developments, and providing engineering consulting services to several South East Michigan municipalities.

About Leadership Detroit

Leadership Detroit is a community leadership program for executives in Southeast Michigan led by the Detroit Regional Chamber with over 1,800 alumni. Launched in 1979, the program aims to create awareness of key issues that affect the Detroit region and to challenge emerging and existing community leaders to bring about positive change in the community through informed leadership.

About the Detroit Regional Chamber

Serving the business community for more than 100 years, the Detroit Regional Chamber is one of the oldest, largest and most respected chambers of commerce in the country. The Chamber's mission of powering the economy for Southeast Michigan is carried out through economic development, education reform, regional collaboration and providing valuable benefits to members. For more information, please visit detroitchamber.com.

About Howard & Howard

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financial services; gaming; healthcare; and hospitality. For more information, please visit the firm's website at www.howardandhoward.com.

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