

Chapman and Cutler LLP

Attorneys at Law • Focused on Finance®

Chapman Attorney Honored among Illinois' Top 40 Under Forty

Partner Rebecca Wallenfelsz was recognized this year as one of Chicago Lawyer's "40 Illinois Attorneys Under Forty to Watch".

CHICAGO (September 22, 2011) – Chapman and Cutler partner Rebecca Wallenfelsz has been named to the Law Bulletin Publishing Company's "40 Illinois Attorneys Under Forty to Watch" list of outstanding lawyers (September 2011 issue).

A member of the Firm's Trusts and Estates practice group, Ms. Wallenfelsz' practice includes the full range of estate and wealth transfer planning for individuals and counseling individuals and institutions on all legal and tax aspects involved with estates and trusts, including fiduciary risk issues and fiduciary litigation.

"We are thrilled that Rebecca has been recognized for her hard work, dedication, and deep knowledge of trust and estate matters," said Suzanne Shier, partner and practice group leader of the Trusts and Estates group at Chapman. "She is a real asset to our team, and this is a well deserved honor."

Ms. Wallenfelsz has served in leadership positions with the Chicago Bar Association's Trust Law and Federal Tax Law Committees and is a member of the Planned Giving Committee of the American Cancer Society's Illinois division. She is also a member of the American Bar Association Section on Real Property, Probate, and Trust Law and the Illinois State Bar Association Section on Trust & Estates and Section on Federal Taxation. She conducts continuing legal education programs on a range of estate planning, administration, and taxation topics; has written substantive articles in publications such as *Taxation of Exempts* and *Trusts and Estates*; and was a contributing author to *A Lawyer's Guide to Retirement and Lifetime Planning*.

Ms. Wallenfelsz received her undergraduate degree from the University of Notre Dame in 1994 and her JD from Loyola University Chicago School of Law in 1997, both *cum laude*. While in law school she was lead articles editor of the *Loyola Law Journal* and articles editor of the *Administrative Law Judges Journal*. She joined Chapman and Cutler upon graduating from law school.

"Rebecca is a tremendous lawyer and colleague," said Tim Mohan, Chapman's Chief Executive Partner. "Her commitment to her clients and to the community is outstanding, and we're very proud of her accomplishments."

Ms. Wallenfelsz is the fifth Chapman lawyer to be honored with this recognition. Erin Bartholomy, a partner in the Firm's Illinois Public Finance group, was named in 2002; Morrison Warren, a partner in Chapman's Corporate & Securities group, was named in 2003; Larry White, a partner in Chapman's Illinois Public Finance group, was named in 2005; and Mark Rasmussen, a partner in the Firm's Special Litigation group, was named in 2007.

About Chapman and Cutler

Chapman and Cutler LLP is a national law firm with a practice that is focused on financial services transactions and clients. Founded in 1913, the firm has more than 200 attorneys with offices in Chicago, New York, Salt Lake City, and San Francisco. For more information, please visit chapman.com.