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PECKAR & ABRAMSON ANNOUNCES EXPANDED PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARNERSHIP PRACTICE; WELCOMES NEW PARTNER FRANK M. RAPOPORT

NEW YORK—February 4, 2013 – Peckar & Abramson P.C. one of the nation's leading construction law firms, is pleased to announce the expansion of its Public-Private Partnerships practice with the addition of senior partner and practice leader, Frank M. Rapoport. Mr. Rapoport will lead the expanded practice group from the firm's New York and Washington D.C. offices, as well as the newly established firm location in the Philadelphia area.

Expanded Practice to Support Public-Private Partnership Opportunities
The expansion of the firm's Public-Private Partnerships practice is a result of increasing demand for public-private partnership solutions throughout the United States. A growing number of firm clients are seeking public-private partnership opportunities in both civil and social infrastructure projects, and P & A finds it essential to offer strategic business capture planning as clients continue to launch new public-private partnership initiatives.

The value that P & A can provide is unique in the firm's understanding of the culture and business model of today's contractors, coupled with top attorneys throughout the nation who are proficient in all stages of the public-private partnership process. P & A aims to provide an unprecedented blend of expertise in the public-private partnership arena to support the growth of public-private partnership initiatives across the nation.

Welcoming Frank Rapoport: Leading Voice on Public-Private Partnerships Frank M. Rapoport concentrates his practice on construction, government contracts, infrastructure development and public-private partnerships. He represents project sponsors, equity investors, lenders and contractors in connection with transportation, social infrastructure, energy, water and parking projects in the United States.

Mr. Rapoport is highly regarded for strategizing and implementing successful business-capture plans for clients pursuing public-private partnership, design-build and complex infrastructure projects. He combines a deep understanding of the legal and political framework for public-private partnerships with the experience of having handled big-ticket government contracts and construction litigation. His knowledge and respect for the political issues in public-private partnership deals have led to successful collaborations with key government officials.

"With the addition of Frank, P&A deepens its talent and ability to assist clients in all stages of public-private partnership projects. We are proud to have been a part of many successful public-private partnership proposals and projects, and will continue to expand the services we



provide to our clients as they pursue this important segment of the industry," said Steven M. Charney, the firm's Chairman.

Mr. Rapoport serves as the outside counsel and government affairs coordinator for the Association for the Improvement of American Infrastructure (AIAI), the public-private partnership industry's newly established advocacy nonprofit corporation. He is the sole attorney on the Editorial Board for IREI's Institutional Investing in Real Estate Newsletter and its annual Institutional Investing in Infrastructure conference. He has also been collaborating with the National Governors Association's Best Practice Center on the establishment of a national public-private partnership best practices center.

Leveraging Strong Alliances Throughout the Industry

P & A is looking forward to expanding the firm's trusted alliances with political lobbying organizations, financial institutions and insurance entities throughout the industry to support public-private partnership initiatives. The firm will continue to offer guidance on legislative advocacy, insurance and risk management, and financial modeling as public-private partnership projects continue to develop throughout the United States.

For additional information, please visit <u>www.pecklaw.com.</u>

About Peckar & Abramson, P.C.

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