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**Melissa Boyd Named to Pennsylvania Rising Stars and
Ten Leaders in Law Programs**

--High Swartz Partner Recognized for Accomplishments in Family Law

June 28, 2010, Norristown, PA — Melissa M. Boyd, Partner in the Family Law Practice at High Swartz LLP in Norristown, has been named a "2010 Pennsylvania Rising Star" by Pennsylvania Super Lawyers magazine, and she has also been named to the "Ten Leaders in Law" program in the Matrimonial and Divorce law group.

Each year, no more than 2.5 percent of of the lawyers in the state earn the Pennsylvania Rising Stars title, which identifies the top up-and-coming attorneys in the state. The selections for the list are made by the research team at Super Lawyers, which is a service of the Thomson Reuters Legal division. Ms. Boyd also earned the title in 2007.

The Ten Leaders program, which was founded in 2002 to recognize the nation's top professionals in their respective fields, recognizes Ms. Boyd as one of the top ten matrimonial and divorce attorneys in Greater Philadelphia, aged 45 and under. The Ten Leaders in Law evaluation focuses on attorneys with established practices and a record of professional accomplishments.

A graduate of Washington College and the University of Baltimore School of Law, Ms. Boyd has dedicated much of her professional career to preserving the rights of children and their families. She concentrates her practice on divorce, pre-nuptial and post-divorce agreements, as well as child custody and support, equitable distribution, alimony, adoptions, protection from abuse and juvenile law.

She is an active member of the Family Law sections of both the Pennsylvania and Montgomery Bar Associations, where she frequently lectures. She has also presented on family law topics to the Pennsylvania Bar Institute. Additionally, Ms. Boyd is a member of the Doris Jonas Freed American Inn of Court for Family Law, and the Philadelphia, New Jersey, Baltimore City and Maryland Bar Associations.

She also writes on family law topics, and recently authored a chapter in the new book, "Slicing Up The Pie: Property Distribution in Pennsylvania," published by the Pennsylvania Bar Institute. The book is a comprehensive guide to property distribution

in Pennsylvania Divorce cases, focusing on the equitable distribution process. Ms. Boyd contributed the chapter, "Effectuating the Distribution Agreement Award."

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