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Michael F. Bonamarte IV of Levin & Perconti Receives "40 Under Forty" Honors

CHICAGO- September 21, 2010- Michael F. Bonamarte IV, an attorney with Levin & Perconti, has been named as one of the *Law Bulletin Publishing Company's* "40 Illinois attorneys under 40 to watch." The *Law Bulletin Publishing Company* presents the top "40 Under Forty" award to attorneys under the age of 40 in Illinois for their outstanding achievements on behalf of clients, their work to advance the legal profession, and their commitment to their community.

Mike, 31, joined Levin & Perconti as an associate in 2005 after clerking with the firm in law school. He has since gained extensive experience representing clients in all types of personal injury and wrongful death matters, including complex cases involving medical malpractice, nursing home abuse and neglect, birth injuries, and premises liability. He has achieved numerous notable verdicts and settlements for clients, including a \$2.9 million (\$3.6 million post-verdict settlement) nursing home negligence verdict, a \$2.3 million nursing home pressure sore settlement, and a record \$700,000 settlement against a nursing home in Coles County.

Mike is a vigorous advocate for abused and neglected nursing home residents. In addition to his courtroom advocacy, Mike recently worked with state legislators and advocacy groups on nursing home reform legislation to improve care in facilities throughout the state.

Mike is also devoted to enriching his practice through his memberships in numerous bar organizations, including the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association, the American Association for Justice, the AAJ's Nursing Home Litigation Group, the Illinois Bar Association, and the Chicago Bar Association. Mike is a member of the Justinian Society and also writes on nursing home issues and verdicts and settlements for their newsletter. He has co-authored several IICLE publications with partner Steve Levin and has presented to fellow attorneys and community members on a number of legal topics, including nursing home litigation.

Along with his involvement in professional organizations, Mike is dedicated to his community and charitable work. He sits on the Board of Directors for the River North Business Association. He is also the president of the Michael F. Bonamarte III Foundation, an organization he founded to raise awareness and money for stroke prevention and research. Mike began the Foundation in memory of his father who passed away in 2006, and since then has raised over \$30,000. Mike's father was an attorney in Highland Park.

Mike graduated from Highland Park High School in 1997 where he was captain and starting quarterback for the school's varsity football team. In 2001, Michael earned a B.S. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison before graduating from John Marshall Law School in Chicago in 2005.

Levin & Perconti is a nationally renowned law firm concentrating in all types of personal injury, medical malpractice, and wrongful death litigation. The lawyers at Levin & Perconti are committed to protecting and vindicating the rights of people who are injured by the negligence of others. Please contact the firm at (312) 332-2872 or visit www.levinperconti.com for more information.

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