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COUGHLIN & GERHART, ATTORNEYS HONORED IN *BEST LAWYERS*® LIST

Binghamton, NY, October 2, 2024 – Coughlin & Gerhart, LLP, a distinguished multi-service law firm, is proud to announce 14 of its attorneys were recently selected by their peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*© 2025. The lawyers recognized are **Rachel A. Abbott** (Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs), **Jeffrey A. Brown** (Workers' Compensation Law-Claimants), **Mary Louise Conrow** (Labor & Employment), **Mark S. Gorgos** (Banking & Finance Law, Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships) and Municipal Law), **Robert R. Jones** (Litigation -Trusts & Estates, Personal Injury Litigation- Plaintiff), **Kristen K. Luce** (Trusts & Estates), **Robert J. Madigan, Jr.** (Real Estate Law), **Lars Mead** (Workers' Compensation Law-Claimants), **James P. O'Brien** (Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants and Product Liability Litigation - Defendants), **Keith O'Hara** (Commercial Litigation, Personal Injury Litigation-Defendants), Alan J Pope (Construction Law), **Joseph J. Steflik, Jr.** (Employment Law – Management, Labor Law -Management), **Paul J. Sweeney** (Labor Law-Management and Litigation, Labor & Employment), and **Beth E. Westfall** (Trusts & Estates).

Additionally, **Nicholas Cortese** (Municipal Law), **Keegan Coughlin** (Municipal Law and Trusts & Estates**), Caroline Guiles** (Trusts and Estates), **Nathan Kopp** (Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships), **Zachary Morahan** (Litigation - Trusts & Estates), and **Nathan VanWhy** (Municipal Law) were listed in the category of *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch.*

The following attorneys were recognized as "Lawyer of the Year", **James P. O'Brien** (Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants), **Paul J. Sweeney** (Litigation - Labor & Employment), and **Beth E. Westfall** (Trusts & Estates). This is awarded to only one lawyer per region and practice area.

"It is an honor to have so many of our attorneys recognized by their peers in the legal profession, said Rachel Abbott, Managing Partner of Coughlin & Gerhart. "Maintaining and demonstrating a high level of skill, decorum and ethics in the representation of our clients, regardless of the type of legal matter, is of the utmost importance to our Firm," said Abbott.

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