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**Miller, Miller & Canby Attorneys, James L. Thompson, Jody Kline and Donna McBride  
Selected to the 2017 Maryland Super Lawyers List; Diane Feuerherd to Rising Stars**

Rockville, MD — December 14, 2016 — Miller, Miller & Canby is proud to announce that attorneys **James (Jim) L. Thompson, Joel (Jody) Kline and Donna McBride** have been selected to the 2017 Maryland Super Lawyers list and attorney **Diane Feuerherd** has been named to the 2017 Rising Stars list, which recognizes attorneys under the age of 40. No more than five percent of the lawyers in Maryland are selected by Super Lawyers.

Jim Thompson has been a leader in Miller, Miller & Canby's Litigation Group for more than 35 years, concentrating his practice in eminent domain (with partner Joe Suntum) and in real estate valuation litigation, as well as in property tax assessment appeals and general civil litigation. For more than a decade, Mr. Thompson represented Maryland as the sole member in the Owners' Counsel of America, a national network of property rights attorneys with demonstrated excellence in this area, focusing upon the representation of landowners in eminent domain litigation. Currently Mr. Suntum is the selected member for the state of Maryland. With Mr. Thompson's breadth of legal experience, proven results, mature judgment, and tenured leadership within the judicial system and the bar, having served as president of the Maryland State Bar Association, he brings the ideal blend of proven trial experience and legal skill to client representations.

Jody Kline has led Miller, Miller & Canby's Land Development department since 1981, focusing his practice in land use, zoning and subdivision law and representing clients in many of Montgomery County's planning and economic development initiatives. In addition to zoning and subdivision law, he represents clients in matters related to master planning, zoning text amendments, conditional use permits, building permit issuance, and other administrative and real estate matters related to land use and development. His clients include residential and commercial developers, private individuals, religious institutions, private schools, non-profit entities and municipal corporations and agencies.

Donna McBride, a partner in Miller, Miller & Canby's Litigation practice since 2009, has tried hundreds of lawsuits throughout the state of Maryland and in the District of Columbia, approximately 100 of which were jury trials. She focuses her practice in litigation in the following areas: business and commercial, employment, estates and trusts, personal injury and insurance, as well as real estate. In addition to her extensive background as a trial lawyer, Ms. McBride is a co-chair of the Maryland State Bar Association's Judicial Selections Committee, served on the Character Committee for the Court of Appeals, is a member of the Montgomery Inn of Court and volunteers as a mediator for the District Court. She also serves on the Executive Committee for the Montgomery County Bar Association and on the Standing Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure for the Court of Appeals of Maryland.

Diane Feuerherd is an associate in the firm's Litigation practice, focusing in appellate, employment, commercial and business litigation. Ms. Feuerherd joined the firm in the fall of 2013 after serving for two years as an appellate law clerk to the Honorable Lynne A. Battaglia of the Court of Appeals of Maryland, the State's highest court. In her two years since joining the firm, Diane has briefed and successfully argued cases before the Court of Special Appeals and the Court of Appeals, and, most recently represented a commercial developer challenging the validity of Montgomery County's "Rain Tax." She is an active member of the Montgomery County Inns of Court and the Montgomery County Bar Association. She also contributes her time to the Finding Justice Project, a committee of the Women's Bar Association Foundation, researching and memorializing the history of women lawyers in Maryland.

Mr. Thompson has been named a Super Lawyer for each of the past 11 years; Mr. Kline for the past 10 years, and Ms. McBride since 2014. 2017 is the second year Ms. Feuerherd has been selected as a Rising Star. They join other Miller, Miller & Canby attorneys previously named Super Lawyers, including Joe Suntum and Pat McKeever.

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