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**Rockville Attorney, James L. Thompson of Miller, Miller & Canby, Named a 2013
"Lawyer of the Year" In Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law**

Rockville, MD – June 5, 2013 – James L. Thompson, Esq. of Miller, Miller & Canby has been named as a 2013 "Lawyer of the Year" in Eminent Domain Law and Condemnation Law. The recognition is given by The Best Lawyers in America® 2013 (Copyright 2012 by Woodward/White, Inc., of Aiken, SC). Best Lawyers®, the oldest lawyer-rating publication in the U.S., honors only a single lawyer in each practice area and designated metropolitan community as "Lawyer of the Year," making this honor particularly significant.

Attorneys honored as "Lawyer of the Year" are selected based upon particularly high voting averages received during the exhaustive peer-review assessments Best Lawyers® conducts with thousands of lawyers each year. Receiving this designation reflects the high level of respect Mr. Thompson has earned among his peers for his abilities, professionalism, and integrity.

Mr. Thompson has led Miller, Miller & Canby's Litigation practice for more than 25 years. He concentrates his practice in eminent domain and real estate valuation litigation. Additionally, he and his partners specialize in civil litigation, including complex real estate and business/commercial disputes. For more than a decade, Mr. Thompson has represented Maryland 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. With his breadth of legal experience, proven results, mature judgment, and tenured leadership within the bar and judicial system as former President of the Maryland State Bar Association, he brings the ideal blend of expertise and talent to client representation. He is joined by his partner Joe P. Suntum, who was elected as Maryland's active OCA member in 2013.

Mr. Thompson lectures in national eminent domain litigation seminars conducted by ALI-CLE, as well as in the State of Maryland, where he assists in giving legal education seminars for lawyers, appraisers, and right-of-way agents. He has also authored a variety of articles regarding eminent domain and has worked with the Maryland legislature to reform eminent domain laws and protect the rights of property owners.

ABOUT MILLER, MILLER & CANBY

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ABOUT OWNERS' COUNSEL OF AMERICA (OCA)

The Owners' Counsel of America is a nationwide network of experienced eminent domain attorneys dedicated to protecting the rights of private property owners large and small, locally and nationally, and to advancing the cause of property rights. The lawyers affiliated with OCA are limited to one active member per state and they practice in nearly every state and represent property owners against federal, state, and local governments, utilities, redevelopment authorities and other entities that may be armed with eminent domain power. For more information or to locate an eminent domain lawyer in your state, please visit www.ownerscounsel.com.

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