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Lashly & Baer, P.C. Names Lisa O. Stump President

Wednesday, February 21, 2018 (St. Louis, Missouri) - Lashly & Baer, P.C., one of the oldest law firms in Downtown St. Louis, has named Lisa O. Stump as President. She succeeds Kenneth C. Brostron, who is stepping aside as President of the Firm, after over 30 years. Stump, who has practiced at Lashly & Baer for her entire career, becomes the first woman President of the Firm. Stump, 53, is also Chair of the Firm's Governmental and Education practice group.

"I am honored to serve as Lashly's President," said Stump. "Ken has been a great leader for our Firm, and he has been a mentor to me. My goal is to continue to focus on the outstanding client service that Ken has championed."

"Lisa is first and foremost a great lawyer," Brostron said. "She is one of the best government and education lawyers in the State of Missouri. She has grown to be a leader of the Firm, and I am confident that the Firm will have great success in the future."

Under Brostron's leadership, Lashly's reputation grew from a leading Midwestern litigation Firm to a full-service law firm including governmental and education, health law, business and finance practices. The leadership transition is part of the Firm's strategic plan which was developed in 2013. Stump has been serving side-by-side with Brostron as the Firm's President-Elect for the past year. Brostron will remain as a member of the Firm's Board of Directors.

Stump believes that the transition will be seamless. "We've been planning this transition for the past five years. We will continue to focus on delivering outstanding legal services for our clients in an efficient manner," said Stump. "We continue to look for talented attorneys who share our culture and vision for the future."

Lashly joins a small percentage of major law firms that have a woman chief executive. Stump, who along with her husband Steve, raised their four children while practicing at the Firm, believes that Lashly has been a leader in recognizing workplace flexibility and embracing families, while still instilling and supporting a work ethic with the ultimate goal of serving clients. "Lashly allowed me to practice on a flexible schedule when I had small children, which was rare in the early 1990s," Stump said. "Collectively, the Firm found ways to ensure that client service remain unchanged. Our clients want accessibility and results. That can happen from outside the traditional four walls of the office," Stump added. "Our Firm has seen productivity

rise when attorneys are given the tools to work in the manner which best serves them and their clients.”

Stump practices primarily in the areas of governmental and public institutions law including the representation of educational institutions. She advises public agencies on governance issues, contracts and procurement, governmental immunity, public employment, constitutional restrictions on taxation and bond issues, the use of public monies, elections and public records laws. She is the City Attorney for the City of Crestwood, and represents the Bi-State Development Agency, Rockwood School District, St. Louis County Library, St. Louis Public Library, and Downtown STL, Inc. Stump received her J.D. from Washington University School of Law where she was a member of the Order of the Coif and the Washington University Law Quarterly.

Brostron is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. He was counsel to the Board of Education for the City of St. Louis for over 25 years. During that time he was lead counsel in the St. Louis Desegregation Case which generated billions of dollars for services to provide area children with educational opportunities for decades. For over 17 years, he has been selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*[®] in the fields of Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants and Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants, most recently in 2018. He was elected the 2016 Lawyer of the Year for St. Louis in the area of Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants by *The Best Lawyers in America*[®].

Lashly has also named the following attorneys as officers and members of the Board of Directors: Stuart J. Vogelsmeier, Executive Vice President, Stephen G. Reuter, Vice President Personnel, James C. Hetlage, Vice President Operations, and Mark R. Feldhaus, Vice President Finance.

Celebrating 106 years in business in 2018, Lashly has offices in Downtown St. Louis and Belleville, Illinois. Lashly & Baer has been named one of the Best Law Firms by *U.S. News & World Report*, and received national ranking in Health Care Law, while receiving top St. Louis ranking in Corporate Law, Health Care Law, Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants, and Personal Injury Law - Defendants.

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