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BOB STEVENSON and **NANCY KEPPELMAN** have achieved a trifecta of professional recognition in both 2006 and 2007. In addition to being named yet again in the latest edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* for employee benefits law, both have been selected for inclusion in **Michigan Super Lawyers**, and are featured as principals leading a top level employee benefits firm in *Chambers USA 2007 Client's Guide for America's Leading Lawyers for Business*.

Michigan Super Lawyers is published by *Law & Politics*, a journal of legal and political issues and opinions that researches and evaluates indicators of outstanding professional achievement and peer recognition. Bob was listed in the Top 100 overall, and Nancy in the top 50 women lawyers in Michigan. *Chambers USA* publishes world-famous guides to law firms and lawyers, assessing the reputations and expertise of business lawyers in 175 countries across the world. Chambers' rankings owe their reliability to the weight ascribed to client interviews. Only three other Michigan firms, and four other Michigan lawyers, received *Chambers'* top ranking ("Band 1") for benefits law. Selection to *The Best Lawyers in America* is based on peer review, premised on asking other lawyers whom they would recommend to a family member or client in a specific field of law.

BOB STEVENSON is one of six Michigan lawyers listed in *every* edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* for pensions and benefits. Bob has also been honored as a Charter Fellow of the American College of Employee Benefits Counsel ("ACEBC"), one of only six attorneys in Michigan and only 172 attorneys so honored in the U.S. Bob recently led the ABA process of comments on proposed regulations on age discrimination in retirement plans. He is a past chairperson of the Committee on Employee Benefits of the Michigan State Bar Taxation Section, is active in the American Bar Association Tax Section Committee on Employee Benefits, is a member of the Midwest Pension Conference, has lectured nationally on employee benefits topics, has co-authored one book and written numerous journal articles on benefits, and has been a regular columnist on the subject. (Bob is also the MSU Women's Lacrosse Coach.)

NANCY KEPPELMAN also became a Fellow in ACEBC in 2002 and has been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* for pensions and employee benefits since 1995. She is a past member of the Council of the Michigan State Bar Taxation Section and has been a member of the Institute of Continuing Legal Education's Business Advisory Board since 1997. Ms. Keppelman is an author and co-editor of the Institute of Continuing Legal Education's book, QDROs, EDROs and Division of Employee Benefits on Divorce - A Guide for Michigan Practitioners, and is a frequent speaker and author on pensions and employee benefits for the Institute of Continuing Legal Education, the Michigan Association of CPAs, the Michigan Bar Journal, the Michigan Tax Lawyer, and other organizations and publications. She is past president of the Women Lawyers Association of Michigan -- Washtenaw Region.

ANTHONY S. HART III, who became Of Counsel to the firm in 1992, has also been recognized as a **Michigan Super Lawyer**. Tony is both an attorney and CPA, with a Master of Laws in Taxation. Tony has extensive experience in all aspects of pension and employee benefits, with particular expertise in tax controversies and curing retirement plan errors.

STEVENSON KEPPELMAN ASSOCIATES is an Ann Arbor-based law firm of nine attorneys specializing in pensions and employee benefits. The lawyers average over 20 years in the specialty, and are among the most honored and experienced in the field. The firm represents a diverse clientele of Fortune 500 Corporations, health systems and other tax-exempt employers, and governmental employers.