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## MARK BRADEN HONORED AS 2014 REPUBLICAN LAWYER OF THE YEAR

Washington, D.C. — E. Mark Braden has been named the 2014 Republican Lawyer of the Year by the Board of Governors of the Republican National Lawyers Association (RNLA). Mark was selected as Republican Lawyer of the Year in recognition of his outstanding professional accomplishments and years of service to the Republican Party and its ideals and will be honored at a reception tonight at the Capitol Hill Club in Washington, D.C.

Randy Evans, Chairman of RNLA Board of Governors, said, "The RNLA is privileged to count Mark Braden among its ranks and indebted to him for his leadership, in particular with regard to redistricting, recounts and all aspects of election law. He is most deserving of the 2014 award."

Prior to joining BakerHostetler, Braden spent 10 years as Chief Counsel to the Republican National Committee. He is widely recognized for his knowledge on state election laws, having served as Chief Counsel to the Ohio Elections Commission and Election Counsel for the Secretary of State in Ohio. Braden has played a large part in campaign finance and was the father of "soft money" as originally used in national campaigns. Braden is experienced in all aspects of law of the political process, including work with election and campaign agencies, voting issues, redistricting, and ethics and lobbying regulations.

Mr. Braden is also the long time counsel to the RNLA and is currently a member of the RNLA Board of Governors. He has also frequently served as a speaker at both the RNLA's National Election Law Seminar.

The Republican National Lawyers Association (RNLA) is the national organization of Republican attorneys. The mission of the RNLA is to advance professionalism; open, fair and honest elections; career opportunity; and Republican ideals. Past winners of the Republican Lawyer of the Year Award include Richard E. Wiley, Betty Southard Murphy, Robert J. Horn, Harvey M. Tettlebaum, Frank J. Fahrenkopf, Jr., Theodore B. Olson, James Bopp, Jr., Charles J. Cooper and J. Randolph Evans, J. C. Boggs III and George J. Terwilliger III. For more information, please visit <a href="http://www.rnla.org">http://www.rnla.org</a>.