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RNLA HONORS HEATHER HEIDELBAUGH WITH THE BETTY MURPHY AWARD

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Republican National Lawyers Association (RNLA) is pleased to name Heather Heidelbaugh as the recipient of the 2015 Betty Murphy Award. Heidelbaugh was selected for the Betty Murphy Award as she is an unsung hero, member, trailblazer, with entrepreneurial spirit, a community service leader, and an organization builder who inspires others' efforts.

Heidelbaugh is a Partner in the Litigation Practice Group at Leech Tishman and is an experienced lawyer who focuses her practice on litigation. Heidelbaugh is a well-known public commentator on issues related to politics, law and elections. She appears weekly on WQED-TV as a panelist on "4802," a public affairs program in Pittsburgh and has been quoted by a number of national and local television shows and publications. She currently serves on the Allegheny County Council in the At-Large position and represents 1.2 million citizens.

Heidelbaugh was a leader in the fight against the corrupt election practices of Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (better known as ACORN). She was the lead lawyer in the key 2008 lawsuit uncovering their corrupt practices and testified about ACORN on Capitol Hill.

Heidelbaugh founded the RNLA's Pittsburgh Chapter and has served as RNLA Membership, Professional Services, and Election Education Vice Presidents. She was most recently RNLA's national Co-Chair.

Heidelbaugh has a long list of accomplishments outside of her advocacy for fair and clean elections. She was honored with the Allegheny County Bar Association's Pro Bono Award for her work in forming a legal clinic for the homeless in Allegheny County and most recently as a Woman of Achievement by the District Attorney's office in 2015. She is a Fellow of Litigation Counsel of America, a National Legal Honorary.

The 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 Betty Murphy Award include Nancy Nord, Brigida Benitez, and Tom Spencer. For more information, please visit <http://www.rnla.org>.

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