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ARMSTRONG TEASDALE LAWYERS NAMED 2024 PENNSYLVANIA SUPER LAWYERS®, RISING STARS

Armstrong Teasdale announces that four lawyers have been named among the 2024 Pennsylvania <u>Super Lawyers</u>^{*} and Rising Stars. Partner <u>Timothy Bergère</u> is recognized as a Super Lawyer, while Senior Associate Bianca Valcarce and Associates Gabrielle Gesek and Lizl Leonardo are recognized as Rising Stars.

Super Lawyers is an annual list of outstanding lawyers who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. Selection for Super Lawyers includes peer nominations, a blue-ribbon panel review process and independent research on candidates.

The Rising Stars list consists of the state's top young lawyers. Candidates must be 40 years old or younger, or have practiced for 10 years or less.

Bergère, who was recognized for the Environmental sector, focuses on serving Fortune 500 clients across the country. He regularly manages and resolves environmental liability issues arising from former holdings and operations, including Superfund "tail" liability that sometimes follows historic operations. He has played a role in dozens of Superfund cases nationwide, and his resolution of those matters often requires innovative and creative problem solving, including the strategic use of environmental insurance policies or qualified settlement funds to manage and transfer risk.

Valcarce, who was recognized for Criminal Defense - White Collar, counsels clients on a variety of civil, criminal and regulatory matters with a focus on government investigations and white-collar criminal defense, environmental liability and enforcement, complex commercial litigation and internal investigations and regulatory compliance.

Gesek, who was recognized for Criminal Defense - White Collar, is active in the firm's Litigation practice group. She focuses on white-collar criminal defense, government and internal investigations and complex commercial disputes.

Leonardo, who was recognized in the Business/Corporate Law sector, is a skilled corporate and real estate lawyer. She has experience representing domestic and international clients on numerous legal matters involving

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mergers and acquisitions, commercial real estate transactions, franchise matters and other general corporate transactions.