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PROMOTES CONNECTICUT PARTNERS  
HOLLY ROGERS, STEVEN BANKS, and  
ALEXANDER AHRENS

**Southbury, CT (April 11, 2024)** – Melick & Porter, LLP, a preeminent New England law firm, is pleased to announce the promotions of three attorneys in its Connecticut office. Holly Rogers has been named a Senior Partner, and Steven Banks and Alexander Ahrens have been promoted to Partner.

"Congratulations to these excellent lawyers on their well-deserved promotions, which reflect their notable achievements, outstanding contributions, and firm citizenship," said Melick Co-Managing Partner, Robert Powers. "We all appreciate their many years of hard work and dedication to their clients, colleagues, and the firm."

**Holly Rogers** has recently been promoted to Senior Partner.

She has been the Managing Partner of the Firm's Connecticut office since 2018. Holly has extensive experience in complex litigation matters. She focuses her practice in the areas of employment law, professional liability, civil rights defense, law enforcement liability, commercial litigation, and appellate litigation.

Holly represents employers in all aspects of labor and employment law including sexual harassment, race, national origin, gender, disability, and age discrimination cases, wrongful discharge, and other state law and constitutional claims.

Attorney Rogers also regularly represents the interests of governmental and quasi-governmental bodies including agencies, authorities, municipalities, law enforcement personnel, political subdivisions, and public benefit corporations in matters across the broad spectrum of claims they face including civil rights defense, premises liability, education law claims, and law enforcement liability.

Holly represents clients in both federal and state courts in Connecticut and New York, as well as before federal and state agencies. She has arbitrated and mediated numerous claims before the American Arbitration Association and other dispute resolution entities. She has also authored articles on a variety of legal topics and has spoken on topics of interest before client groups and legal peers.

Attorney Rogers is admitted to practice before the federal and state bars of Connecticut and New York. She earned both a Bachelor's degree and a Doctor of Law degree from the University of Connecticut. Prior to joining Melick & Porter, Holly developed a successful litigation practice while working at law firms in Connecticut and Manhattan. She also served as General Counsel to several corporate entities.

"Holly has been able to implement at our Connecticut office the firm's commitment to providing exceptional legal services, and creating an inclusive and supportive environment that attracts and retains top diverse talent. Our Connecticut practice, and our team of attorneys and legal professionals in Connecticut, continue to experience much growth and success under Holly's management," said Co-Managing Partner, Michael Mazurczak.

**Steven Banks** focuses his practice on premises liability, general liability, property disputes/land use, workers' compensation, and product liability. He has extensive litigation and courtroom experience defending claims in Connecticut and New York and is barred in both jurisdictions. Steven also has extensive experience with all forms of alternative dispute resolution and has an impressive track record of successfully resolving high exposure cases for clients through mediation. Banks joined Melick & Porter in 2014. He began his career and honed his legal skills at a successful boutique firm in Danbury.

Attorney Banks is a graduate of Indiana University and Quinnipiac University School of Law, where he was honored with the Dean's Scholarship award. Outside of the office, he is active in the community coaching his children's youth sports teams.

**Alexander Ahrens** is an extremely talented litigator in the areas of professional liability, general liability, and environmental litigation. He has been practicing at Melick & Porter's Connecticut office since 2019. As part of his litigation practice, Attorney Ahrens has successfully resolved matters in his clients' favor through dispositive motions, mediations, and trials. He has consistently received praise from clients, colleagues, and professional peers for his exceptional trial advocacy. Alexander has also been selected for inclusion as among the Connecticut Super Lawyers Rising Stars.

Attorney Ahrens is admitted to practice before the federal and state bars of Connecticut. He graduated summa cum laude from Quinnipiac University School of Law, where he received awards for Academic Excellence and Outstanding Performance in Oral Advocacy. He earned a B.A. degree from Gettysburg College. Prior to joining Melick & Porter, Alexander practiced and gained civil trial experience at a law firm in Bridgeport.

"We continue to build an exceptional pipeline of supremely talented lawyers across our offices and practice areas, including in Connecticut, who are well positioned to continue our 40+ year tradition of providing exceptional legal services to our clients, and contribute to the continued growth and future of the firm," said Co-Managing Partner, Michael Mazurczak.

## About Melick & Porter, LLP

Melick & Porter, LLP is a firm of trial and appellate attorneys that has provided superior representation to our clients for over 40 years. We handle matters throughout New England as well as in other parts of the country. Our reputation as seasoned and successful trial lawyers has steadily grown since our founding in 1983. All of our senior attorneys have extensive experience in state and federal courts. They have AV ratings from Martindale-Hubbell, have been recognized by their peers as Super Lawyers, and have been elected to trial lawyer and appellate attorney honorary societies. Our clients choose to work with us because we provide excellent and practical counsel and are always prepared to fight for them in court. Our many longstanding client relationships attest to our dependability and dedication to our clients' interests.



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