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**EIGHT FLORA PETTIT ATTORNEYS NAMED IN THE
2022 EDITION OF *BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA*®
AND
ONE ATTORNEY NAMED *BEST LAWYERS*® 2022
“LAWYER OF THE YEAR” FOR
CHARLOTTESVILLE METROPOLITAN AREA**

Flora Pettit announces that eight of its lawyers were recently selected by their peers for inclusion in the 2022 edition of *Best Lawyers in America*®. (COPYRIGHT 2013 BY WOODWARD/WHITE, INC., OF AIKEN, SC). The attorneys listed include Michael E. Derdeyn, John W. Flora, Richard H. Howard-Smith, Donald D. Long, Jennifer E. Shirkey, Bill Shmidheiser, Cathleen P. Welsh and J. Page Williams.

Mr. Derdeyn was selected in the practice area of Commercial Litigation; Mr. Flora was selected in the practice area of Tax Law, and Trusts and Estates; Mr. Howard-Smith was selected in the practice areas of Tax Law, and Trusts and Estates; Mr. Long was selected in the practice area of Securities/Capital Markets Law; Ms. Shirkey was selected in the practice area of Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law; Mr. Shmidheiser was selected in the practice areas of Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, and Litigation–Bankruptcy; Ms. Welsh was selected in the practice areas of Employment Law–Management, Litigation–Labor and Employment, and Workers’ Compensation Law–Employers; and Mr. Williams was selected in the practice of Banking and Finance Law, and Real Estate Law.

In addition, the firm is pleased to announce that Richard Howard-Smith has been named *Best Lawyers*® 2022 Tax Law “Lawyer of the Year” for the Charlottesville metropolitan area.

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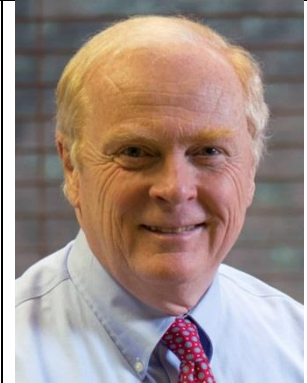
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