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Troutman Sanders Partner Named President of Construction Lawyers Society of America

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ATLANTA – September 20, 2017 – Barbara Werther **has been named president of the Construction Lawyers Society of America (“CLSA”)**, an exclusive construction lawyer honorary society. Werther is a partner in Troutman Sanders LLP’s Construction practice practicing in the Washington, D.C. office.

“I am humbled and honored to be selected as the 2018 CLSA president,” Werther said. “I look forward to advancing the CLSA’s mission of recognizing elite lawyers in our field, promoting construction law and amplifying our collective voice through publications, community involvement and professional development. One of my central focuses will be promoting and advancing diversity within the organization to ultimately inspire greater diversity in an industry that has been historically homogenous.”

In 2006, Werther co-founded the Women in Construction (“WIC”) Conference, a leadership and networking conference for women in the construction industry. The group is committed to improving the diversity of its board, panelists and attendees. Its 12th annual conference will be held this October in Washington, D.C.

“We are delighted that someone of Barbara Werther’s professional stature will be president of the Construction Lawyers Society of America for 2018. Her achievements in the practice and specialty of construction law are renowned and her reputation and profile are truly international. Her efforts and success in elevating women in the construction industry have been groundbreaking. Simply put, Barbara is a natural leader,” said G. Steven Henry, Consulting Director and Counsel.

Recognized as one of the leading construction and government contracts attorneys in the United States, Werther has more than 35 years of experience in construction and government contracts law. She represents developers in contract drafting and dispute resolution on some of the largest projects in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area, specializing in contract terms and conditions for developers and owners with a focus on contract drafting and negotiation.

Werther received her bachelor’s degree from the University of Pennsylvania and her J.D. from George Washington University.

Troutman Sanders is well-represented in the CLSA. Partners Ira Genberg and Frank Riggs are founding Charter Fellows and serve on its Advisory Board, and several other attorneys in the firm’s Construction practice have been selected to join.

The firm's top-ranked Construction practice comprises attorneys who are frequently ranked among the best nationally and internationally for construction transactions and dispute resolution, including arbitration and litigation. The team's experience is unrivaled in high-stakes project disputes and the negotiation and drafting of construction contracts.

About Construction Lawyers Society of America (“CLSA”)

The CLSA is an invitation-only construction lawyer honorary society with membership limited to 1,200 practicing Fellows from the United States and internationally. The composition of the CLSA is aggressively diverse, with recognition of excellence across all practices relating to construction law, including all transactional and litigation aspects of construction, both nationally and internationally. The purpose of the CLSA is to recognize deserving, experienced, and highly qualified lawyers, to provide an outlet for scholarly authorship of legal articles on construction practice, to provide additional sources for professional development, to promote superior advocacy and ethical standards in the practice of law, to assist in community involvement by its membership, and to advance a superior judiciary, and body of distinguished neutrals, by taking relevant positions on issues or legislation affecting judicial compensation and/or benefits, as well as those affecting the American litigation processes.

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