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2012 Go-To Law Firm for the Top 500 Companies

December 21, 2011, Detroit, MI – Harness Dickey has been selected as a 2012 Go-To Law Firm for the Top 500 Companies in the United States. The data used to make this list comes directly from the in-house legal departments at the Fortune 500 companies. This honor puts Harness Dickey in an exclusive group of firms that deliver exceptional work for the Fortune 500. This list will be featured in the Ninth Annual Edition of *In-House Law Departments at the Top 500 Companies*, which is issued by the publishers of Corporate Counsel.

In-House Law Departments at the Top 500 Companies featuring Go-To Law Firms® incorporates data collected on each company's primary law firms by surveys sent to General Counsel at each of the top 500 companies and second through research in various resources including public records, leading publications and well-respected commercial databases such as The American Lawyer, The National Law Journal, Corporate Counsel magazine, and numerous other magazines and newspapers published by ALM, ALM Research Online, LitigationMonitor™, LiveEdgar, Westlaw®, LexisNexis, The Deal, USPTO (United States Patent and Trademark Office), and the WIPO (World Intellectual Property Organization). Surveys were sent asking the top 500 company GCs which outside law firms they turned to for assistance in (1) Corporate Transactions/Mergers & Acquisitions, (2) Intellectual Property, (3) Labor & Employment, (4) Litigation, (5) Securities, (6) Canada and (7) International. Primary law firm refers to the law firms that are on the company's preferred list; the "go-to" firms for a specified practice area; firms that handled the most important cases in the previous year; firms used most often; and/or firms with the most billings from that company

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