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Press Release for Recertification

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Attorney Richard N. Shapiro achieves recertification in civil trial law with the National Board of Trial Advocacy.

Virginia Beach, Virginia - -The National Board of Trial Advocacy (NBTA) is pleased to announce that Richard N. Shapiro of the Shapiro, Appleton & Duffan law firm has successfully achieved recertification as a civil trial advocate. The NBTA was formed out of a strong conviction that both the law profession and its clients would benefit from an organization designed specifically to create an objective set of standards illustrating an attorney's experience and expertise in the practice of trial law.

Richard Shapiro is part a growing number of trial attorneys that have illustrated their commitment to bettering the legal profession by successfully completing a rigorous application process and providing the consumer of legal services with an objective measure by which to choose qualified and experienced legal counsel.

The elaborate screening of credentials that all NBTA board certified attorneys must successfully complete includes: demonstration of substantial trial experience, submission of judicial and peer references to attest to their competency, attendance of continuing legal education courses and proof of good standing.

Board Certification is the highest, most stringent, and most reliable honor an attorney can achieve. Board certifications are the only distinctions awarded by non-profit organizations. The NBTA as well as all board certifying organizations are committed to safeguarding the public's ability to choose a good attorney.

Richard Shapiro earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Maryland. He graduated with distinction from the George Mason University School of Law, where he also served as an editor on the George Mason Law Review. Mr. Shapiro is licensed to practice in Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, and Washington, D.C. He has been involved in dozens of jury trials. He is recognized as a Virginia "Super Lawyer" in Law & Politics Magazine and is listed as a "Best Lawyer" for personal injury and railroad worker litigation in the Norfolk, Virginia region by U.S. News & World Report. He has published numerous articles including a treatise cited in West Law (see: Railroad Health & Safety; a Litigator's Guide, Co-Author, 72 Am. Jur. Trials, p.1 (West)).

In addition to being a successful trial advocate, Mr. Shapiro holds 18 U.S. patents on folding wagons/products and various international patents.

In addition, Mr. Shapiro is an accomplished author. In fact, Mr. Shapiro won the Gold Award in the 2015 Readers' Favorite Int'l. Book Award Contest for his fiction thriller *Taming the Telomeres* published by Challedon Publishing (available on Amazon).

Approximately three percent of American lawyers are board certified, and Mr. Shapiro is a member of a very select group who has taken the time to prove competence in their specialty area and earn board certification.

For more information on Attorney Richard N. Shapiro, please visit: www.hsinjurylaw.com and www.nbtalawyers.org.