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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Berchem, Moses & Devlin Attorneys Named New Leaders in the Law**

The law firm of Berchem, Moses & Devlin, P.C. is pleased to announce that partners Mario F. Coppola of Milford and Shelby L. Wilson of Orange have been named “New Leaders in the Law” for 2012 by the *Connecticut Law Tribune*.

The *Law Tribune* had asked firms across the state to nominate attorneys age 40 and under who stand out as leaders in the legal profession. Nearly 250 attorneys were nominated for the honor, of which 60 were selected.

“Mario and Shelby are exemplary young lawyers who are dedicated to their clients and their craft,” said Robert Berchem, senior partner. “Their personal and professional accomplishments speak to their talent, determination and hard work. The firm is very proud of these two fine attorneys.”

Mr. Coppola and Ms. Wilson will be listed in a New Leaders in the Law yearbook to be published by the *Law Tribune*. They have been invited to attend an awards dinner November 9, where the keynote speaker will be Connecticut Gov. Dannel P. Malloy.

Mr. Coppola practices in the areas of municipal law, land use and zoning, property tax assessment appeals, real estate transactions and general civil litigation. He has held leadership positions with area bar associations and is a frequent speaker at professional seminars in the areas of land use and zoning, as well as property tax assessment appeals.

Since 2009, Mr. Coppola has served as a Town Attorney for the Town of Trumbull. He regularly provides legal representation and services to other municipalities, including the towns of Westport and Easton.

In addition, Mr. Coppola is active in civic affairs. He currently is chairman of the Greater New Haven Columbus Day Committee’s Board of Directors and serves on the Walter Camp Football Foundation’s Board of Governors.

Ms. Wilson practices in the areas of estate planning, estate administration and tax law. She advises individuals, families and closely held businesses on issues dealing with estate and generation-skipping tax planning, income tax planning, tax compliance, business succession planning, estate settlement and trust administration.

She has lectured several times before the American Bar Association Tax Section on tax and estate planning topics related to closely held businesses. She has also lectured extensively at the local level on family estate planning.

Ms. Wilson is active in her community, currently serving as Assistant Town Moderator in Orange. She also sits on the boards of the Milford Rape Crisis Center and Hopkins School Alumni.

Berchem, Moses & Devlin is a multi-specialty law practice with offices in Milford and Westport. Since 1933, the firm has provided high quality legal services to clients throughout Connecticut. Clients include individuals, small and midsize businesses, government agencies and Fortune 500 companies. For more information, please visit [www.bmdlaw.com](http://www.bmdlaw.com).

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