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Roetzel & Andress LPA Appoints Melissa R. Hoeffel as Columbus Partner-in-Charge

Roetzel is pleased to announce the appointment of Melissa R. Hoeffel as partner-in-charge of the law firm's Columbus office, effective January 1, 2016.

"Since joining Roetzel & Andress over ten years ago, Melissa has emerged as a dynamic leader in her work with our clients, the community, and within the firm, making her the obvious choice to assume leadership of our Columbus office," said <u>Jeffrey J. Casto</u>, the firm's Chairman and CEO. "We are fortunate to have a lawyer with Melissa's skills and capabilities take on this role and we are confident that she will maximize our firm's opportunities for continued growth and success in Columbus."

Ms. Hoeffel commented, "I am honored and excited to take on the role of partner-in-charge. I look forward to working with my colleagues in Columbus to showcase Roetzel's high-quality, focused legal services and increase our firm's community involvement and participation throughout all of Central Ohio."

Ms. Hoeffel focuses her practice on government relations and administrative law, with an emphasis on legislative and executive agency lobbying, campaign finance and election law, government contract procurement, and hearings before various administrative agencies and boards. She counsels small and large companies, trade associations and nonprofit entities on legislative and administrative matters in a diverse range of industries including health care, information technology, telecommunications, and education. She also advises clients on campaign finance and election issues, including Political Action Committee formation and compliance, political giving strategies, and representation before the Ohio Elections Commission. In addition, she has considerable experience advising clients with business transactions requiring transfers of regulatory licenses and development of compliance procedures in multiple jurisdictions.

A graduate of The College of Wooster with a B.A. in Economics, Ms. Hoeffel went on to earn her J.D. from Capital University Law School. She is also a graduate of both Leadership Columbus and The Jo Ann Davidson Ohio Leadership Institute. Further, she has been honored as an "Ohio Super Lawyers Rising Star." Ms. Hoeffel is a member of the Columbus and Ohio State Bar Associations.

About Roetzel

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