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LAURA K. SCHWALBE APPOINTED TO WNY HEROES, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Buffalo, New York, November 16, 2020 – Harter Secrest & Emery LLP, a full-service business law firm with offices throughout New York, announced that [Laura K. Schwalbe, CIPP/US](#), senior associate in the firm’s [Government and Internal Investigations](#) and [Privacy and Data Security](#) practices, has been appointed to serve on the Board of Directors for WNY Heroes, Inc.

WNY Heroes is a not-for-profit organization serving the needs of Western New York’s veterans and their families. Their mission is to provide veterans, members of the armed services, and the widows and children of deceased veterans with access to essential services, financial assistance, and resources that support their lives and sustain their dignity.

Schwalbe is a data security breach coach and represents clients in complex litigation and investigations. She is a Certified Information Privacy Professional, United States (CIPP/US) as certified by the International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP). Her experience includes helping clients respond to cyber incidents, data security due diligence for M&A transactions, and counseling on EU’s General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA) obligations. She also helps clients conduct internal investigations and respond to investigations, audits, and examinations by government agencies including the U.S. Department of Justice, the SEC, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, and various state Attorneys General.

She received her B.A. from Boston University, and is a *magna cum laude* graduate of the Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law.

Harter Secrest & Emery advises clients in all aspects of government investigations and litigation. The firm has a significant False Claims Act practice and represents clients in matters involving securities, health care, civil rights, antitrust, government contracting, public corruption, and fraud, among a variety of other areas, and frequently represents organizations and professionals in the education and health care sectors. Harter Secrest & Emery also conducts internal investigations to assist clients in assessing and addressing legal risks.

Harter Secrest & Emery's privacy and data security clients range from Fortune 100 corporations to closely held businesses and include representatives from a wide range of industries, such as health care, financial services, data analytics/big data, merchants, manufacturers, defense contractors, and employers of all sizes. The team also advises public clients and critical infrastructure providers on privacy and data security issues. The firm has a 24-hour Cybersecurity Incident and Breach Response Line to assist companies responding to a cyberattack or data breach. The response line, 1-800-232-3021, connects callers directly with the firm's Privacy and Data Security attorneys 24/7 who can provide breach coach guidance, including breach response and remediation support, crisis management and communication, post-breach reporting and notice, and advice and representation concerning potential litigation and regulatory enforcement.

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