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Texas Lawyer Honors George Connelly, Shareholder at Chamberlain Hrdlicka, with 2019 Lifetime Achievement Award

Houston, TX – September 20 2019 – <u>George W. Connelly, Jr.</u>, shareholder in the Houston office of the national law firm <u>Chamberlain Hrdlicka</u>, has yesterday been recognized among the recipients of *Texas Lawyer's* 2019 Professional Excellence Awards in the *Lifetime Achievement* category.

Texas Lawyer's Professional Excellence Awards recognize lawyers for extraordinary professional achievements and their significant impacts in the legal community in Texas. In particular, the *Lifetime Achievement Award* honors those attorneys who have left a lasting imprint on the Texas legal community. Profiles of the 2019 honorees were published in the September issue of the *Texas Lawyer* magazine and the awards ceremony in their honor was held on September 18 at the Belo Mansion in Dallas.

Connelly is recognized as one of the leading federal tax litigators in the United States. He is one of the top federal tax litigators in the US, focusing on IRS audit, collection, and criminal matters including civil and criminal tax litigation matters for individuals, companies, and estates. In a distinguished career spanning five decades, he has achieved more than 75 reported opinions in tax cases and received numerous honors and awards from governmental bodies and professional organizations, including a Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent Peer Review Rating, the James E. Markham, Jr. Memorial Award, and was named one of the country's leading federal tax litigators in Legal 500 U.S.

Connelly has been an in-demand speaker for numerous legal organizations, including the American Bar Association and the American Institute of Federal Taxation. Over the years, he has lent his support to numerous non-profit organizations in Houston, such as Texas Children's Hospital, United Way of Houston, Greater Houston Partnership, the Better Business Bureau of Greater Houston and South Texas, and Houston Public Media. Connelly remains deeply involved in mentoring new associates, and actively contributes to the Firm's Marketing and Business Development Committee. He also maintains an active practice, having recently obtained a rare verdict, in which the Tax Court held in favor of the taxpayer on the issue of whether the IRS has abused its discretion to follow the dictates of its own manual.

"George is an accomplished and well-respected leader in the Houston legal community and it is our privilege to have him as a shareholder at Chamberlain Hrdlicka," said Wayne Risoli, Chamberlain Hrdlicka's managing shareholder. "We are thrilled to see *Texas Lawyer* recognizing his contributions to the profession and the community at large with the *2019 Lifetime Achievement Award*."

About Chamberlain Hrdlicka

Chamberlain Hrdlicka is a diversified business law firm with offices in Houston, Atlanta, Philadelphia and San Antonio. The firm represents both public and private companies as well as individuals and family-owned businesses across the nation. In addition to tax planning and tax controversy, the firm offers corporate, securities and finance, employment law and employee benefits, energy law, estate planning and administration, intellectual property, international and immigration law, commercial and business litigation, real estate and construction law.

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