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Sahn Ward Attorneys' Recognition for "Leadership in Law" by *Long Island Business News* Exemplifies Breadth of Law Firm's Experience

Hon. Edward G. McCabe to Receive Lifetime Achievement Award for His Storied Legal Career and Longtime Role as Mentor to Many Young Attorneys

John Christopher to be Recognized in the Category of Associate for His Hard Work and Involvement in Legal and Community Organizations

UNIONDALE, NEW YORK - October 27, 2014 — Sahn Ward Coschignano & Baker, PLLC has announced that The Honorable [Edward G. McCabe](#), Special Counsel with the Firm, and [John Christopher](#), an Associate with the Firm, have been selected by *Long Island Business News* to receive the "Leadership in Law" Award. Justice McCabe will receive the Lifetime Achievement Award and Mr. Christopher will be recognized in the category of Associate. The awards ceremony will take place on November 13 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury.

The Leadership in Law Award recognizes attorneys for their dedication, hard work, skill, tenacity, compassion and overall excellence. It is dedicated to those individuals whose leadership, both in the legal profession and in the community, has had a positive impact on Long Island. Recipients of this award demonstrate outstanding achievements, involvement in their profession, community support and mentoring.

"It is very unique and a great honor to have one of our Firm's attorneys receive the Lifetime Achievement Award and another receive the award for Associate, as it shows the breadth of experience of the Firm," said Michael Sahn, Managing Partner, Sahn Ward Coschignano & Baker, PLLC. "We already have 10 lawyers — almost half of our Firm — recognized by Super Lawyers and now we have Judge McCabe and John Christopher recognized by *Long Island Business News*. That is a great credit to not only them individually, but to the Firm as a whole."

In his remarkable legal career, Justice McCabe continues to serve as a mentor to many young attorneys, like Mr. Christopher and others in the Firm, as they engage in the legal profession. While an active member of the Firm, Judge McCabe also serves as an arbitrator and mediator and is the Director of the Paralegal Studies Certificate Program at Hofstra University.

The Judge began working in private practice before serving as Nassau County Assistant District Attorney and, in 1970, as Law Clerk for the late Nassau County Supreme Court Justice Bernard Thompson. From 1971 to 1978, he worked for the Town of North Hempstead, first as an Executive Assistant to the Supervisor and later as Town Attorney.

He was first elected as a Supreme Court Justice in 1985 and re-elected in 1999. During his tenure on the Supreme Court, Justice McCabe also served for six years as Chief Administrative Judge of the Nassau County court system. After serving as Administrative Judge, he was appointed

Presiding Justice of the Appellate Term of the New York State Supreme Court for the Second Judicial Department, Ninth and Tenth Judicial Districts.

Justice McCabe instituted numerous programs in the Courts in conjunction with the Association for the Help of Retarded Children's Next Step Program, including a Court floral beautification program and a Law Library project. He also introduced a mammography screening program for prospective jurors with the help of 1 in 9, the Long Island Breast Cancer Coalition and the Nassau County Department of Health, a prostate screening program, and a Juror Blood Donation Program. Jurors summoned to jury duty in Nassau County participated in these programs while serving in the courthouse.

Justice McCabe also served on the Unified Court System's Alternative Dispute Resolution Advisory Committee of Torts and Education for Judges and Lawyers, the Committee to Promote Public Trust and Confidence in the Court System and the Nassau County Judicial Committee on Women in the Courts. He was named Man of the Year by the Long Beach Lawyers' Association, the Court Officers' Benevolent Association and the Fraternal Order of Court Officers. He has been honored by the Education and Assistance Corporation, the Legal Aid Society, the Irish Americans in Government, The Catholic Lawyers' Guild and the Irish Feis Committee.

The Judge commanded the Court system during 9/11 and secured the safety of the public, the lawyers and Court personnel. In addressing the jurors and all personnel on that day, the Judge decreed that the Courts would remain open as he refused to allow the terrorists to affect our justice system.

Mr. Christopher is being recognized for his hard work and his involvement in the New York State Bar Association and other community matters. As an Associate with the Firm, he concentrates his practice in the areas of municipal law, zoning and land use planning, commercial and residential real estate transactions and commercial and residential landlord/tenant disputes.

He is an active member of the New York State Bar Association, where he also serves as Secretary for the group's Young Lawyers Section. He also serves on the Executive Committee of the YLS, holding the positions of Tenth District Co-Representative, Chair of the Nominating Committee, YLS Delegate to the NYSBA House of Delegates and Liaison to the Real Property Law Section. In addition, he is a member of the American and Nassau County Bar Associations.

Mr. Christopher has had several legal articles published, including "The Unsettled Law of Eminent Domain" which appeared in the Spring/Winter 2010 issue of *Report from Counsel*, and two articles for *The Nassau Lawyer*: "Current Issues in Land Use and Zoning: The Impact of an Increase of Business at a Property with an Established Pre-Existing Nonconforming Use" (April 2009) and "Temporary Zoning and Planning Moratoriums" (April 2007).

For the past three years, he has organized a holiday party for the 10th District of the YLS, in conjunction with the Nassau County Bar Association, Young Lawyers Committee, to raise donations for The U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program. In addition, he formerly served as an Executive Board Member of the Greenvale Civic Association.

In 2013 and 2014, Mr. Christopher was selected to the list of Metro New York Super Lawyers' "Rising Stars." He was recognized in the practice area of Real Estate Law.

"John is an example of the type of young attorney Judge McCabe has time and again taken under his wing to give him the mentoring he needs to become a leader in the field," Mr. Sahn said. "For

our Firm to have both the Judge and John recognized speaks volumes about us, where we are, where we have been, and where the Firm is headed with good people like Judge McCabe and John. On a personal note, I am very pleased to see Judge McCabe honored. I would not have had the foundation and knowledge in the law to form and manage our Firm without having learned from the Judge.”