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When personal or business issues of a legal nature arise, it is often a time for concern. If there is no established client-attorney relationship, individuals might find it a daunting task to identify an affordable legal firm with the expertise to meet their needs. Having counsel available for advice provides peace of mind.

Stark and Keenan, PA has been providing comprehensive legal services to a heterogeneous base of clients in Harford and Cecil Counties since 1987. From offices in Bel Air and Havre de Grace, the firm's team of ten extremely capable attorneys combines a wealth of diverse experience and a broad spectrum of knowledge and skills—a collaborative effort to offer individuals, businesses and other entities top quality legal expertise at affordable costs. Some Stark and Keenan attorneys have been counseling and

municipal and institutional clients in many areas of the law. He also provides advice on elder law issues. Charles B. Keenan Jr. specializes in estate planning, real estate and litigation. Edwin G. Carson is a widely-respected real estate attorney, and is especially expert in title matters. Ms. McComas is a former member of the Maryland Economic Development Corporation and her practice focuses on business and estate planning and real estate. She, Mr. Keenan and Mr. Stark have master's degrees in taxation. Gregory A. Szoka has extensive real estate, litigation and arbitration experience. As former Director of the Harford County Department of Planning and Zoning, Robert S. Lynch is a zoning and real estate expert. While Paul W. Ishak concentrates his practice on representing plaintiffs in personal injury litigation, his practice also includes defense litigation. Craig H. DeRan's expertise includes corporate, real estate and litigation and Ian R. Fallon focuses on litigation and family law.

Messrs. Stark, Keenan and Ishak individually represent the municipalities of Aberdeen, Bel Air and Havre de Grace, respectively.

The attorneys at Stark and Keenan perform considerable pro bono work and are board members, founders and volunteers with a number of non-profits, religious and charitable organizations throughout Harford County.

Stark and Keenan is proud to have four AV-rated attorneys and two BV-rated members of the firm.

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representing the same clients and their family members for over 30 years.

"We do represent many clients in litigation because it is the nature of the beast, but as attorneys and as counselors-at-law, one of our primary duties is to help keep clients out of legal trouble and out of the courts," says Stark and Keenan attorney, Judith C. McComas. Prior to joining the firm, Ms. McComas was the first female to hold the position of law clerk in Harford County and recalls words of wisdom she received from the judge on her final day at the court: "'I don't want to see you here again,' he said. 'Your job is to keep your clients out of court.'"

The diversity and level of shared expertise among the lawyers at Stark and Keenan is most impressive. Elwood V. Stark, Jr., during his long career as a general practitioner, has been helping individual, business,

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