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Anne Widlak has a distinctive sensitivity to complex matters that call for diplomacy and discretion. Among her many honors, Ms. Widlak was named a 2013 Top Rated Lawyer in Labor and Employment by American Lawyer Media and Martindale-Hubbell. She also was selected as one of 25 Leaders in The Law for 2012 by Michigan Lawyers Weekly and is a repeat honoree for Michigan Super Lawyers. Ms. Widlak serves as a Panel Chairperson of the Michigan Attorney Discipline Board and is a Fellow of Litigation Counsel of America.

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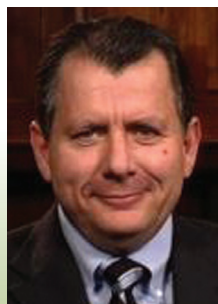
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