

## **PRESS RELEASE: Pullman & Comley Attorney Michael N. LaVelle Receives Evelyn M. Kennedy Award for Service to Persons with Disabilities**

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BRIDGEPORT, Connecticut: Michael N. LaVelle, a practicing Labor and Employment attorney at Pullman & Comley, LLC was recently honored by the Kennedy Center with the “Evelyn M. Kennedy Award” for dedication and exceptional service to persons with disabilities.

One of the largest and most comprehensive rehabilitation facilities in the State of Connecticut, the Kennedy Center offers innovative and comprehensive services to persons with special needs and disabilities, from birth through their senior years. On an annual basis, more than two thousand individuals receive various program services through its divisions of Rehabilitation Services, Residential Services and Kennedy Industries.

Mr. LaVelle, a long serving member on the Kennedy Center’s board of directors, was the sole recipient of the Evelyn M. Kennedy Award, which is bestowed upon those who continue Ms. Kennedy’s passion to ensure that people with special needs obtain the rights and services they are entitled to. He was honored among several other deserving award recipients at the Center’s annual awards ceremony.

“Mick is a shining example of how dedication to serving others helps an entire community,” said Joshua A. Hawks-Ladds, chair of the firm’s Labor and Employment Department. “We are proud of Mick’s accomplishments and his service to others.”

For more than 40 years, Mr. LaVelle has been practicing labor and employment law including employment discrimination, labor board and other administrative agency practice and wrongful discharge litigation, and municipal law. His experience includes extensive trial work before employment regulation agencies such as the Equal Employment Opportunities Commission, the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities, the Workers Compensation Commission, state and federal Departments of Labor, the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs and the National Labor Relations Board.

In addition to his work at the Kennedy Center, Mr. LaVelle serves as an officer and director of the Connecticut Association of Municipal Attorneys and is the chairman and serves on the board of directors for the Homes for the Brave, an organization that provides support and resources for homeless veterans. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Harvard College and his Juris Doctorate from Boston University.

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### **About Pullman & Comley LLC**

Pullman & Comley celebrated its 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2014. With nearly 90 attorneys, Pullman & Comley, LLC is one of Connecticut's largest firms and provides a wide range of legal services to clients in the New England region, as well as throughout the United States and internationally. The firm's major practice areas include business organizations and finance; environmental, energy and telecommunications; government finance; health care; labor, employment law and employee benefits; litigation; property tax and valuation; real estate and land use; and trusts and estates. The firm has offices in Bridgeport, Hartford, Stamford, Waterbury and White Plains. The firm is an active member of the Law Firm Alliance, an international affiliation of law firms.

### **About the Kennedy Center**

The Kennedy Center strives to offer programs and services across the age spectrum to individuals with unique talents, interests and goals. Its programs and service models are based on current research, trends and literature in the field, as well as feedback and input from our stakeholders. Families and participants are encouraged to express their ideas, offer suggestions and partner with us to create new service models and unique solutions. For more information, please visit [www.thekennedycenterinc.org](http://www.thekennedycenterinc.org).

### **Practice Areas**

Labor, Employment Law & Employee Benefits