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Chamberlain Hrdlicka Attorney Charles J. Muller Receives the 2011 Jules Ritholz Memorial Merit Award

HOUSTON – (May 9, 2011) – Charles J. (Chad) Muller, shareholder in the San Antonio office of national law firm Chamberlain Hrdlicka, has received the 2011 Jules Ritholz Memorial Merit Award. This award is only presented to one individual each year by the Committee on Civil and Criminal Tax Penalties (CCTP) of the American Bar Association – Tax Section.

“Chamberlain Hrdlicka is honored that the American Bar Association chose Chad as this year’s recipient of the 2011 Jules Ritholz Memorial Merit Award,” said Wayne Risoli, managing partner, Chamberlain Hrdlicka. “This prestigious award has been given to a select few attorneys across the nation since 1994, and we congratulate Chad on this accomplishment.”

The Jules Ritholz Memorial Merit Award is given in recognition of outstanding dedication, achievement and integrity in the field of civil and criminal tax controversies. The award’s namesake, Jules Ritholz, was a nationally renowned tax lawyer and a senior partner in the firm of Kostelanetz, Ritholz, Tigue & Fink. His clients included major corporations, politicians and theater and sports celebrities.

Muller has more than 40 years experience in criminal tax investigations and litigation. As a Department of Justice Trial Attorney and as an Assistant United States Attorney, Muller represented the government in the largest criminal tax prosecutions in the country. He also represents clients in federal and state civil tax litigation, including tax refund suits in the Federal District Courts and the Federal Claims Court.

Muller has played a vital role in several key organizations within the tax sector, including the IRS Commissioner’s Advisory Group and Integrity Review Panel, as well as the Department of Justice Tax Division and Advisory Committee. He is also a former chairman of the American Bar Association Committee on Civil and Criminal Penalties and the Penalties Tax Force.

Muller is an alumnus of St. Mary’s School of Law and holds a Masters of Law in Taxation from Georgetown Law Center. He is a previous recipient of the Department of Justice John Marshall Award for Outstanding Legal Achievement in the Trial of Complex Litigation. He presently serves as a member of the Internal Revenue Service Advisory Committee. He is a Fellow in the American College of Tax Council. He is also a Fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers.

Muller was honored with the Jules Ritholz Memorial Merit Award at the Committee on Civil and Criminal Tax Penalties meeting held in Washington, D.C. on May 6th.

About Chamberlain Hrdlicka

Chamberlain Hrdlicka is a diversified business law firm with offices in Houston, Atlanta, Philadelphia, Denver 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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