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Lansing, Mich. – Foster Swift shareholder, David M. Lick is part of a 12-person contingent from Michigan State University to present at the First Annual Conference of Babes-Bolyai University in Cluj Romania May 18-20, 2012. Lick is presenting at two sessions along with Roger Hamlin, Professor of Urban Planning, Director of International Projects Institute for Public Policy and Social Research at Michigan State University. The first session is on "Public Private Partnerships (P3) in the Development of International Trade and Transportation: The University's Role" and the second program is "The Eastern Europe Gateway Project and the Halifax-North American Gateway: The University's Role: A Comparative Analysis."

"The relationship with Babes-Bolyai University has evolved over time" says Roger Hamlin, "it started back in 1995, when a group from Romania came to study at MSU. At that time, the university-to-university partnership focused on promoting sustainable linkages that would encourage civic engagement. Today the relationship is about cultivating ways the university and community can work together so that they can overcome obstacles and make the community stronger both structurally and socially."

Mr. Lick's actual project experiences, research and forum presentations have led him to conclude that: "Public Private Partnerships can be an energizer for infrastructure and a catalyst for economic development both of which lead to job creation. People are just starting to realize the power of government and private companies working together can infuse new life into a sluggish economy. The successes of public private partnerships also have lead government and private industry to turn to its use for cross-border trade and transportation."

At Foster Swift, Lick serves as the leader of the firms Public Private Partnership ("P3") Section. Dave's varied experience in Finance, Construction Law, Commercial Litigation, Administrative Law and Alternative Dispute Resolution has helped to develop many state of the



art P3 projects. He has been a pioneer in developing P3 models for various types of infrastructure and transportation projects; including a material recovery facility which won an award from the National Council for Public Private Partnerships; a unique real estate enhancement for the improvement of an expressway interchange; and capital projects for water, waste water and municipal buildings. He has developed requests for proposals, evaluated proposals and has drafted P3 contracts.

Lick is recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America*® & *The Michigan Super Lawyers*®. He was appointed to the Michigan Public-Private Partnership Commission by the Governor of the State of Michigan; was a member of the Environmental Financial Advisory Board to the United States Environmental Protection Agency; and was invited by the Republic of Ireland where he presented about Public Private Partnerships for infrastructure finance.