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## Heisman Nunes & Hull LLP Opens New Firm in Rochester NY

“The only constant is change,” says Nunes. Sage words from one of the partners at the newly established firm Heisman Nunes & Hull LLP, which opened its doors on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The new firm is the endeavor of award-winning *New York Super Lawyers* Lewis J. Heisman, Paul V. Nunes and Ronald G. Hull, who recently left Underberg & Kessler LLP, where they practiced law collectively for over 70 years.

“The legal market is in great flux,” says Heisman. “Clients want value as well as expertise when they choose their legal counsel. By using advanced technology and cutting unnecessary overhead, we believe we can serve our clients better and for a lower cost.”

HNH has also secured the backing of multi-state litigation powerhouse Pillinger, Miller & Tarralo LLP, which will add significant firepower to toxic tort, insurance defense, environmental and litigation on select cases. This allows Heisman, Nunes and Hull to invest all their time in cases, both big and small. “The three of us have collaborated for years.” says Hull. “It’s exciting to solidify our working relationships to form this new firm.”

Each partner at HNH has a proven track record of success, but they’ve also made time to invest in the community. Heisman is an award-winning family law practitioner for Upstate New York, having successfully handled complex divorces, child custody and spousal maintenance cases. He is widely known for championing Collaborative

Law, a non-adversarial process which can reduce stress and expenses for his clients. Lew is also active as outgoing President of the Board of Directors of the Seneca Waterways Council, board member for the Fairport Perinton Partnership for a Better community, former president and member of the Fairport Rotary Club, and a proud recipient of the Boy Scouts' prestigious Silver Beaver award.

Nunes' diverse practice encompasses insurance defense, trusts & estates litigation, business litigation, intellectual property defense, and select personal injury cases (notably food-borne illness cases). Among his more well-known successes are his representation of the country of Australia in Rochester's Fast Ferry litigation, and the class action suit against the State of New York after thousands of residents were exposed to parasites at the Seneca Lake Water Park. His legal acumen was honed as an associate at the Wall Street firm, Thacher Proffitt & Wood, but Nunes has been a Rochester legal dynamo for over 30 years. He was awarded the Empire State Counsel Award for his pro bono work, but still finds time to play keyboard and guitar in a number of local bands.

Hull has the reputation as one of the most broadly experienced environmental law and toxic tort lawyers in the region. His expertise ranges from state and federal Superfund litigation, Brownfields redevelopment and environmental remediation, to hazardous waste management, and environmental impact reviews... and everything in-between. He is also known for his painstaking work in asbestos and lead paint exposure cases. As a former law clerk to Federal and State (Appellate Division) Judges, Ron has

developed an esteemed appellate practice. Outside of his day to day practice, Hull has contributed to a number of legal publications, championing environmental protections through law, and has been featured on the prestigious list, *Best Lawyers in America*, 10 years running, an accolade he shares with Heisman and Nunes as well.

“We are excited and raring to go,” says Nunes.

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