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**Nicole Galli of Pepper Hamilton Named
One of Philadelphia's Top Young Professionals
in Annual "40 Under 40" Round Up**

Philadelphia, PA – April 10, 2003 – Nicole D. Galli, of counsel in the Philadelphia office of **Pepper Hamilton LLP**, has been named one of the region's top young professionals by the *Philadelphia Business Journal*. Ms. Galli, 34, was included in the *Business Journal's* "40 Under 40" list for 2003, and profiled in a supplement published on April 4, 2003.

The 40 Under 40 program is in its 13th year and recognizes "40 individuals under 40 years of age who are making their mark in their professional fields and in their communities... [and who] have shaped our community in ways that have made greater Philadelphia a better place to do business and live."

"Nicole has blended her legal career with her commitment to help women and the less-advantaged to become an active force in the Philadelphia community," said Robert E. Heideck, Pepper's executive partner. "We are proud of all that she has accomplished."

Ms. Galli focuses her practice on intellectual property litigation and counseling, and also represents clients in antitrust, consumer fraud class action and general commercial litigation matters.

Ms. Galli is involved in many community, civic and professional activities in the Philadelphia area.

She is a member of the board of directors of The Career Wardrobe (TCW), a nonprofit organization providing business clothing and other career-development support for low-income women, and she co-chairs TCW's Campaign Leadership Committee.

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In 2002, Ms. Galli co-founded the Professional Women's Roundtable (PWR), an innovative networking group for professional women who have just reached, or are about to reach, management-level positions in their careers, and are seeking the support and guidance necessary to excel at that level. She serves on PWR's Steering Committee and co-chairs its Sponsorship Committee.

Ms. Galli is first vice president of the Pennsylvania Women's Campaign Fund, a political fund-raising organization, and is responsible for its activities in Southeastern Pennsylvania.

She volunteers with Womens Way, serving on a number of its major campaign committees and as a member of its Young Women's Initiative Advisory Committee. She also participates in its strategic planning process.

She is a member of the National Association of Women Business Owners.

Ms. Galli is active in the Philadelphia Bar Association and co-chairs its Women in the Profession Committee. She also is a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association's Commission on Women in the Profession and recently was appointed to the Investigative Division of the Association's Judicial Evaluation Commission.

She is a past member of the board of directors of Women Against Abuse, Inc., and she has provided pro bono legal services to victims of domestic violence.

The 40 Under 40 awards banquet will be held on Wednesday, May 7, 2003, at 5:30 p.m. at the Sheraton Society Hill Hotel (Second and Walnut Streets, Philadelphia). Registration information and the full list of award recipients may be found at <http://philadelphia.bizjournals.com/philadelphia/networking/events/10112>.

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