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**Nicole D. Galli of Pepper Hamilton Honored
by Forum of Executive Women**

Lawyer Recognized as Rising, High-Potential Woman Leader

Philadelphia, PA – June 17, 2003 – Nicole D. Galli, of counsel at **Pepper Hamilton LLP**, was honored by the **Forum of Executive Women** at its Annual Meeting at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts in Philadelphia on June 16, 2003. Ms. Galli received the Forum Award, the organization's highest award, which recognizes a rising, high-potential woman leader.

The Forum Award is presented annually to a woman who represents the kind of leadership talent the Forum wants to retain and encourage as a leader and mentor in the community. The award includes a scholarship to a leadership development program.

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

Ms. Galli, active in many community, civic and professional activities, was named one of the *Philadelphia Business Journal's* "40 Under 40" (top young professionals) for 2003.

She is a co-founder of the Professional Women's Roundtable, 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 its Steering Committee and co-chairs its Sponsorship Committee. She is a member of the board of directors of The Career Wardrobe, a nonprofit

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organization providing business clothing and other career-development support for low-income women, and she co-chairs the organization's Campaign Leadership Committee.

Ms. Galli 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 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.

Ms. Galli is active in the Philadelphia Bar Association and serves as co-chair of its Women in the Profession Committee and as a member of the Association's 2003 Nominating Committee. She also is a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association's Commission on Women in the Profession, and the Investigative Division of the Association's Judicial Evaluation Commission.

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. In addition, she is a member of the National Association of Women Business Owners.

The Forum of Executive Women (www.foew.com) is a membership organization of more than 300 influential women representing many diverse businesses in the Greater Philadelphia area. The Forum's mission is to advance women leaders in the region, and it is committed to the success of women as business leaders. The Forum was created in 1977.

Pepper Hamilton LLP (www.pepperlaw.com) is a multi-practice law firm with 400 lawyers in six states and the District of Columbia. The firm provides corporate, litigation and regulatory legal services to leading businesses, governmental entities, nonprofit organizations and individuals throughout the nation and the world. The firm was founded in 1890.

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