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**Berchem, Moses & Devlin Merges with Norwalk Firm,
Enhances Municipal, Education and Labor Practices**

MILFORD, Conn. (Feb.3, 2014) – Berchem, Moses & Devlin, P.C., with offices in Milford and Westport, has merged with the Norwalk firm of Kimmel & Kimmel, LLC, and has also added five other lawyers practicing in diverse areas. The additions are significant in the growth of Berchem, Moses & Devlin’s Westport office and in the expansion of its municipal practice.

Joining the firm are Eugene M. Kimmel, as senior counsel; Gregory S. Kimmel, as senior partner; Peter V. Gelderman, a Fairfield land use/municipal lawyer, as of counsel; and Ansonia Corporation Counsel John P. Marini, as an associate. Also joining the firm as associates are Rebecca Goldberg and Christopher J. Sugar, in the labor practice, and Lynn A. Kirshbaum, in the education department.

“These new lawyers at our firm bring a wide range of experience that will enhance service to our growing statewide client base,” said Robert L. Berchem, president of the firm. “Our growth has always come through strategic steps aimed at improved service to clients.”

During a transition period, the father-and-son Kimmel & Kimmel law firm will operate its Norwalk office until the two principals are fully merged into Berchem, Moses & Devlin’s Westport office. The Kimmel & Kimmel firm has concentrated in the areas of real estate transactions, divorce and family law issues, personal injury matters and criminal law.

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Mr. Gelderman, who will also be based in Berchem, Moses & Devlin's Westport office, is experienced in business and commercial transactions, commercial and residential real estate transactions, condominium law and civil litigation. Previously, he has served as Assistant Town Attorney for Westport and Town Attorney for Trumbull. Also, he is a former member of the Trumbull Town Council.

"The addition of the Kimmel & Kimmel law firm and Mr. Gelderman represents major growth for our new offices on Post Road East," said Westport Managing Partner Ira W. Bloom. "We relocated here from Imperial Street to establish a significant presence for Berchem, Moses & Devlin in Fairfield County."

Mr. Marini, who will be based in Milford, is an important part of the growing municipal practice at the firm. In the past, he has served as a member of the Board of Aldermen for the City of Ansonia. He was the board's liaison to the city's Economic Development Commission and served as a member of the city's Finance Commission. He was also chairman of Ansonia's 2012-2013 Charter Revision Commission.

Mr. Marini will continue to serve as Ansonia Corporation Counsel. In another recent development, Partner Mario F. Coppola, of the firm's Westport office, was named Norwalk Corporation Counsel.

Ms. Goldberg, Ms. Kirshbaum and Mr. Sugar will be based in the Milford office of the firm.

The new additions to Berchem, Moses & Devlin bring the firm's roster up to 40 lawyers, making it one of the state's larger law firms.

Berchem, Moses & Devlin is a multi-practice law firm with offices in Milford and Westport. Since 1933, the firm has provided quality legal services throughout Connecticut. Clients include individuals, small and midsize businesses, government agencies and Fortune 500 companies. For more information, please visit www.bmdl.com.

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