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Teresa Bartosiak Honored as Missouri Law Firm Leader

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Sandberg Phoenix Shareholder and Executive Committee Member Teresa Bartosiak will be celebrated by *Missouri Lawyers Weekly* on January 29th as one of 2016's Missouri Law Firm Leaders of the Year. The award comes as recognition of Teresa's outstanding contributions to both the firm and wider legal community, in addition to her significant professional achievements and commitment to providing extraordinary legal services to her clients.

The annual award recognizes attorneys throughout Missouri who "demonstrate extraordinary vision, innovation and leadership." Teresa's tenacity, legal aptitude and skill in maintaining a healthy work-life balance has certainly proved a valuable role model for her colleagues and peers.

"In addition to her contributions to the firm, Teresa has had a profound impact on many of our younger associates, for whom she serves as a mentor," Sandberg Phoenix Managing Partner John Sandberg said. "Her willingness to share best practices, case strategy and knowledge of health law and products liability matters have guided many associates, growing their practices and ultimately resulting in their maturation as legal professionals and partners within the firm."

Recently elected to serve on Sandberg Phoenix's three-member Executive Committee, Teresa helps establish the strategic growth plan for all seven firm offices and provide direction on policies, personnel and finances. She is also responsible for the co-founding of the Sandberg Phoenix Charity Committee nearly 15 years ago, which has contributed more than \$100,000 to various charities throughout the St. Louis area. Teresa was the youngest person to ever be elected to equity partnership status at Sandberg Phoenix.

Her legal practice focuses on medical malpractice, nursing home litigation, products liability and personal injury defense litigation. A seasoned trial attorney, she has represented many clients facing litigation. Defending healthcare providers and products manufacturers requires deep knowledge of very diverse industries and the ability to handle complex concepts and carefully develop a legal strategy to help clients mitigate exposure, all of which Teresa handles with spirit and dedication.

Using her wealth of legal experience, Teresa actively mentors associates at Sandberg Phoenix, helping equip young attorneys with the knowledge and tools to become successful litigators and powerful advocates on behalf of their clients. She also instills in her mentees a focus on creating a manageable work-life balance, placing a high value on achieving professional goals without taxing family life.

Teresa has received several honors including being named by *Missouri Lawyers Weekly* as one of the Top 10 Up and Coming Lawyers in Missouri, being selected as one of the *Illinois Business Journal's* "Rising Stars of Southwestern Illinois" and being selected by the *St. Louis Business Journal* as one of its prestigious "40 Under 40" honorees. Teresa has been named to the Medmarc honor role, a list of the company's top attorneys from across the country and was also selected by the Counsel for Litigation Management to serve as one of the Missouri State Chairs.

Sandberg Phoenix is proud to celebrate Teresa's achievements and recognizes the incredible contributions she has made to help the firm achieve its ongoing growth.