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Marion Munley Receives 2021 ATHENA Leadership Award from Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce

Scranton, PA, March 28, 2021 — Munley Law is pleased to announce that attorney Marion Munley recently received the 2021 ATHENA Leadership Award from the Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce. Marion embodies the character of the ATHENA Award, which honors an exceptional individual who has achieved excellence in their business or profession, has served the community in a meaningful way, and has assisted women in their attainment of professional goals and leadership skills.

"Marion is an exceptional example of a community leader paving the way for others. She fights for her clients, commits time to the Lackawanna County community, and ensures the mentorship of young women with careers in law," says Bob Durkin, president of The Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce. "She is an admirable and deserving recipient of this prestigious award."

For more than 30 years, Marion has made her mark in the male-dominated area of trucking law as a dedicated and skilled litigator, taking lead on some of Pennsylvania's largest and groundbreaking legal victories. For a decade Marion provided free legal services to those in need at the Hope Center for Northeastern Pennsylvania. She has supported Lackawanna Pro Bono for more than 20 years, sponsors scholarships at the University of Scranton, Marywood University and Johnson College, as well as contributes to many other local charitable organizations.

Marion mentors young women aspiring to or beginning a career in law. Particularly at Munley Law, she makes herself available for advice and questions and ensures they have a role in the firm's big cases, local networking events, and national conferences. In 2020, Marion received the AAJ's Marie Lambert Award for her commitment to the legal profession, her community, and the advancement of women in law.

The ATHENA Award was first presented in 1982 in Lansing, Michigan and has grown to include presentations to more than 5,000 individuals in hundreds of cities in the United States as well as in Canada, China, Russia and the United Kingdom. The award takes the form of a hand-cast bronze sculpture symbolizing the strength, courage and wisdom of the recipient. The ATHENA Award® Program is nationally underwritten by General Motors and National City Bank. Local sponsorship is provided by Michael A. Barbetti LLC Certified Public Accountants.

Marion Munley is a champion of victims' rights and the civil justice system. She is known for her compassionate approach to representing the catastrophically injured and her tireless devotion to her clients and their families. Triple Board Certified by the National Board of Trial Advocacy in Civil Trial, Civil Practice, and Truck Law, Marion has earned an AV-Preeminent designation from Martindale-Hubbell, the industry's highest ethical and client satisfaction rating.

Marion is an active member of the American Association for Justice (AAJ) and currently serves on the AAJ Board of Governors and on its Executive Committee. She was the first woman to become



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Chair of the AAJ Trucking Litigation Group in 2018 and is a past chair of the AAJ Women Trial Lawyers Caucus. Marion is the second woman in Pennsylvania to become Board Certified as a Civil Trial Advocate by the National Board of Trial Advocacy. Among her other professional affiliations are the American Board of Trial Advocates, the International Society of Barristers, and the Summit Council.

She has been named to the *Best Lawyers in America* list by Best Lawyers since 2012 and was selected as "Lawyer of the Year: Personal Injury – Plaintiffs" for the Allentown Metro Area this past year. Marion has also been selected to the list of Pennsylvania Super Lawyers for the last 15 years and has been consistently recognized as one of the "top 50 Women Lawyers in Pennsylvania" in *Super Lawyers Magazine*. A graduate of Temple University School of Law (J.D., 1986), Marion received her undergraduate degree from Scranton University in 1983.

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About Munley Law

Munley Law was founded by Robert W. Munley in 1959 and for more than six decades the firm has been a national leader in personal injury law. Munley Law attorneys helped to create many of the laws that protect innocent victims today. Munley Law is a family of lawyers that work as a team on most of their accident cases. The attorneys at Munley Law constantly strive to remain the best; they keep up to date on the latest technologies in trial work, they hire only the top experts in the nation and they continuously educate themselves on updates in personal injury law. They regularly teach other lawyers how to present cases and they hold leadership positions in numerous associations, such as the trucking law divisions of the American Association for Justice and the Pennsylvania Association for Justice. They handle all types of personal injury cases which include: truck accidents, auto accidents, bus accidents, car recall cases, wrongful death, medical malpractice, work injuries, product liability, premises liability and child abuse cases. To learn more about our firm, visit munley.com.

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