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Connolly Bove Named a Top Midsize Firm in the Nation by The National Law Journal Firm ranked for thriving amid the economic downturn

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Wilmington, Del. – Connolly Bove Lodge & Hutz LLP is pleased to announce that the Firm is listed among 20 law firms included in The National Law Journal's Midsize Hot List, which highlights firms across the U.S. that have demonstrated agility during the recession and success in serving high profile clients through innovative practices. The complete list was published in The National Law Journal's July 12 issue, and is available at www.law.com.

The National Law Journal highlights Connolly Bove's intellectual property work, representing big-name clients, including AstraZeneca PLC, Bayer A.G., Johnson & Johnson, L'Oreal Group and Pfizer, Inc. "In the past year, the firm secured a \$6.5 million patent infringement award for Parker Hannifin Corp. and successfully defended FMC Corp. in a patent dispute against Ecolab," the publication notes. The Firm is also applauded for its aggressive expansion of its corporate practice, often teaming with out-of-town firms as co-counsel including the \$15 billion acquisition of Rohm & Haas by Dow Chemical Company. The National Law Journal adds, "In addition to alternative fee arrangements, Connolly Bove lures clients with hourly rates that are lower than those at big law firms."

The 2010 Midsize Hot List highlights the agility of law firms with 50 to 150 attorneys in ducking the recession's blows – or at least bouncing back more quickly than many big-firm competitors. The firms included on this year's list have demonstrated the ability to snag big clients by offering specialized services and to hold on to smaller clients through bread-and-butter practices. From the nominations received, The National Law Journal's editorial staff selected 20 firms that experienced a string of successes and showed innovative ways to run their operations, despite the economy.

About Connolly Bove Lodge & Hutz

Connolly Bove Lodge & Hutz LLP is a nationally recognized intellectual property and business law firm, with offices in Los Angeles, California, Washington, D.C., and Wilmington, Delaware. The firm has a full service intellectual property practice. Connolly Bove regularly obtains high rankings in the annual Patent Litigation Survey conducted by *IP Law & Business* and is listed as a top patent firm in Delaware by Chambers. For more information, see the firm's website at www.cblh.com.

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