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Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP Recipient of Gold Standard Certification by the Women in Law Empowerment Forum

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TOLEDO, OH – Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP is pleased to announce that the firm has been recognized as a 2013 Gold Standard Firm by the Women in Law Empowerment Forum (“WILEF”). Shumaker is one of 42 firms in the U.S. to receive this recognition.

WILEF Certification is granted only to those law firms capable of demonstrating that women play a significant role in key leadership positions, represent a meaningful percentage of the firm’s equity partners and are well represented among the ranks of highly compensated partners. Law firms with 200 or more practicing lawyers in the United States are eligible for the 2013 WILEF Gold Standard Certification.

WILEF is committed to being the change agent for women in law firms to rise within the firm as business developers and leaders.

"We are extremely proud to have received the Gold Standard Certification. Shumaker is highly committed to ensuring that its female attorneys are fairly represented in its equity ranks and in leadership positions throughout the firm. This is often easier said than done for a variety of reasons, so it is wonderful to have an organization like WILEF that has adopted the Gold Standard Certification program to truly gauge a law firm’s achievements in these areas. Being one out of 42 firms recognized this year is quite an honor." – Sharon M. Fulop, Partner and Co-Chair of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee

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