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**JOLIET ATTORNEY JEFFREY TAYLOR NAMED TO CHICAGO LAW
BULLETIN'S "40 UNDER 40 TO WATCH"**

Jeffrey Taylor, partner with the Joliet law firm of Spesia, Ayers & Ardaugh, has been named to the prestigious "40 Under 40 Illinois Attorneys to Watch," published by *Chicago Law Bulletin* in its most recent edition. The designation is given to an elite group of young attorneys who already have achieved significant accomplishments in their careers.

Taylor was selected as one of only 40 Illinois attorneys from more than 900 nominations from across the country. Nominations are submitted by other attorneys from other law firms, as well as judges and politicians, who have observed Taylor's legal performance and have been impressed by his capabilities. According to the *Law Bulletin*, "nominators evaluate lawyering skills, what the nominees have done for the legal profession and finally how they are involved in their community." Taylor was nominated for his achievements in both corporate and personal injury law.

His nominations reflected these strengths. "Jeff has always exhibited professionalism and integrity," said Daniel Madigan, with the Chicago law firm of Motherway & Napleton. "He has represented his clients with vigor, and achieved excellent results in a wide range of cases."

At Spesia, Ayers & Ardaugh, Taylor concentrates his practice in the areas of personal injury law and business and corporate litigation. In the personal injury arena, he

has secured millions of dollars in awards on behalf of his clients, both through verdicts and positive settlements. In early 2007, Taylor tried a medical malpractice case in Will County, during which he was instrumental in securing a \$700,000 verdict on behalf of his client. Other recent victories include a \$750,000 settlement on behalf of a client who suffered a spinal injury in an automobile accident, a \$290,000 settlement for a client who suffered an infection after being hospitalized following a motor vehicle accident, and the tender of full policy limits in a wrongful death case that involved a pedestrian struck by a car at night.

Taylor also represents a number of businesses in matters involving employment disputes, contractual matters and regulatory compliance. Prior to practicing at Spesia, Ayers & Ardaugh, Taylor represented a number of large corporations for matters pending throughout the United States. He currently represents J.U.L.I.E., the state's One Call System, and is spearheading the implementation of a new abbreviated dialing code for the state of Illinois.

A *cum laude* graduate of John Marshall Law School, Taylor is a member of the Illinois Bar Association, and also has been admitted to the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois and U.S. District Court, Central District of Illinois. He is an arbitration panelist in Will and DuPage counties.

Taylor's peers provided high accolades in their nominations for the "40 Under 40" designation. "In working with and against him, his rare professional abilities – he is a scholarly lawyer – and professionalism came to my attention, causing me to think highly of him and finding it refreshing and pleasurable to work with him," said Jay Judge, with the Park Ridge-based firm of Judge, James & Kujawa. "Jeff Taylor, in my experience

with him, is first and foremost a fine lawyer with ‘the man’s word is bond’ integrity and a legal scholar well-versed in the applicable law.”

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