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## **KEVIN O'NEILL NAMED ONE OF "WASHINGTON'S RISING STARS"**

**INDIANAPOLIS (7/15/09)** - Calling him a "triple threat," the *National Law Journal-Legal Times* named Patton Boggs partner Kevin O'Neill to its list of "40 Under 40: Washington's Rising Stars."

O'Neill, a partner in Patton Boggs' Washington office, serves as co-chairman of the North-American Interfraternity Conference (NIC) Legislative Committee. In this capacity as a pro bono lobbyist, for seven years O'Neill has advanced the agenda of the NIC, and especially its collaborative work with other fraternity and sorority trade organizations to encourage the passage of the College Housing and Infrastructure Act (CHIA).

A member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, and a former member of its staff, O'Neill was named one of "Washington's Rising Stars" because of his lobbying practice as well as his innovative role as the creator and voice of Patton Boggs' Capital Thinking podcasts and radio show on VoiceAmerica's Internet radio network.

The publication predicted that O'Neill and an elite group of 39 others would "play a major role in the legal community of the nation's capital – and therefore the nation– for years to come." He was one of just two lawyers from the lobbying profession to be selected for the 40 Under 40 honor.

"Kevin's leadership in organizing support, educating constituents and working on behalf of the fraternity and sorority world is exemplary," said Peter D. Smithhisler, president and CEO of the NIC. "Passage of CHIA would add immeasurably to the quality of residential life for our 750,000 student members, as well as to the 800 colleges and universities where they reside, and to the level of alumni involvement in the life of those chapters. Kevin's leadership on behalf of the fraternity/sorority world, in advancing this bill among our elected leaders, is very much appreciated. I'm happy that he earned this much-deserved recognition."

O'Neill was tapped to become the deputy chair of the firm's public policy practice beginning in January 2010, making him the youngest member of Patton Boggs' management team. In addition to his work on behalf of the NIC, he focuses his public policy practice on representing state and local governments, transportation entities, colleges and universities, hospitals, and a number of national associations.

O'Neill created and hosts Patton Boggs' weekly podcast series and Internet radio show. Both give listeners insight into how what happens on Capitol Hill, the White House and the federal agencies impacts the business world. Combined, they draw several thousand listeners each week and have been recognized with a number of legal marketing awards.