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Thompson Hine Partner Receives Top Alumni Award Hardy Awarded John Carroll Alumni Medal

CLEVELAND – May 27, 2008 – Michael L. Hardy, partner-in-charge of Thompson Hine LLP's Cleveland office, received the John Carroll University Alumni Medal during a special ceremony on May 16 recognizing this year's five recipients. The Alumni Medal, presented annually, is the highest honor given by the JCU Alumni Association for an individual's exemplary professional, personal or community accomplishments.

Hardy received his A.B., *magna cum laude*, from John Carroll in 1969 and has served on the university's board of regents and its Entrepreneurs Association advisory board. He is also an active member of a number of community boards, including the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes, the National Club Association, the NCA Foundation, Leadership Cleveland and the Ohio & Erie Canalway Association.

Hardy, a member of Thompson Hine's Environmental, Life Sciences and Product Liability Litigation groups, focuses his practice on environmental counseling and litigation, environmental compliance analysis and planning in business transactions, and toxic tort litigation. He has been recognized as one of the top environmental lawyers by a number of organizations, including:

- Named a Super Lawyer by *Ohio Super Lawyer* magazine (2007)
- Listed in *The International Who's Who of Environmental Lawyers* (2007)
- Listed in *The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers - Environmental* (2007)
- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* (Environmental)
- Named one of Northeast Ohio's Leading Lawyers (Environmental), *Inside Business* magazine (2001-2007)
- Listed in Chambers & Partners' *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* (2003-2007)

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