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LAW FIRM FREE TO CONTINUE GARY O. GALIHER'S LEGACY OF SERVICE

Galiher's Partners Clear Legal Challenge Allowing Galiher DeRobertis & Waxman to Move Forward

HONOLULU – Richard DeRobertis and Ilana Waxman, longtime law partners of the late Gary O. Galiher, announced today that the Galiher estate has dismissed all claims regarding clients and assets and the law firm is moving forward as Galiher DeRobertis & Waxman.

As the one-year anniversary of Galiher's death approaches next week, maintaining the firm's legacy of service to Hawaii asbestos and mesothelioma clients is at the top of their mind.

Galiher, a pioneer in asbestos litigation, spent 38 years working as a leading advocate for victims of mesothelioma and other catastrophic injuries, both in Hawaii and nationwide. Sadly, Galiher died on November 15, 2016, in a helicopter crash on Molokai.

"Gary assisted thousands of Hawaii shipyard workers, construction workers, and Navy veterans who suffered from terrible asbestos diseases," said DeRobertis, who practiced law with Galiher for 33 years. "These workers and their families initially didn't know where to turn. Gary was a passionate advocate for his clients and helped them acquire the financial and medical assistance they needed. I am proud to have helped Gary represent asbestos clients since 1983."

Since Galiher's passing, DeRobertis and Waxman have faced unexpected claims by the Galiher estate, but these items were resolved on November 8 when the lawsuit was formally dismissed and all issues regarding the future of the firm were officially resolved.

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“As our firm enters a new chapter, Rick and I are committed to holding corporations and insurance companies accountable and making sure the legal system in Hawaii continues to work on behalf of ordinary working people,” said Waxman, who has been practicing law with Galiher for 10 years. “Our entire firm remains committed to fighting for the people of Hawaii, representing workers, Navy veterans, and consumers who have suffered catastrophic illness through no fault of their own. Gary’s legacy of service will live on. Rick and I are very committed to that.”

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ABOUT GALIHER DeROBERTIS & WAXMAN LLP:

Galiher DeRobertis & Waxman is a Hawaii-based personal injury law firm with more than 30 years of experience. It specializes in mesothelioma and asbestos cases and handles a variety of personal-injury cases. The firm has represented clients on every island in the state of Hawaii and in 40 states on the U.S. mainland, as well as several foreign countries. It has secured hundreds of millions of dollars in verdicts and settlements and has earned an outstanding reputation among its colleagues and adversaries alike for its tenacity and dedication to its clients.

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