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## Banking and Aviation Attorney Carla Machnik Joins Bodman PLC

DETROIT, MI, January 22, 2015 – Highly-regarded banking and aviation law attorney Carla S. Machnik has joined Bodman PLC as a member.

Machnik is based in Bodman's Detroit office. She represents financial institutions in Canada and the United States in cross-border lending and financing transactions. She also advises financial institutions seeking to expand operations across the border on applicable laws, regulations, and market dynamics.

She holds law degrees from the United States and Canada and is licensed to practice in both countries. Her dual licensure allows her to structure complex transactions with unusual efficiency due to her understanding of laws and markets on both sides of the border.

Machnik also devotes a significant part of her practice to aviation law, including aircraft financing, purchases, and sales, advising clients on domestic and international aircraft registration issues, and compliance with FAA regulations and the Cape Town Convention. She has completed more than 110 aviation finance transactions originating in multiple states and Canada with an aggregate value of more than \$200 million.

"Carla's cross-border experience and background in Canadian law add a new dimension to the services we can offer banking clients," said Bodman Chairman Ralph E. McDowell. "She also brings a wealth of experience to our growing aviation practice. We are thrilled to have her join Bodman."

Machnik has been recognized multiple times by Michigan Super Lawyers as a Rising Star in banking law. She is a member of the International Law and Aviation Law sections of the State Bar of Michigan and is a former member of the International Law Section's governing board.

Machnik holds law degrees from the University of Detroit-Mercy School of Law and the University of Windsor. She earned her undergraduate degree at the University of Windsor. Before joining Bodman she was a member of another large business law firm based in Detroit.

Bodman has Michigan's largest and most highly rated banking practice with more than 40 active members. The prestigious client and peer review journal Chambers USA has ranked Bodman as the state's best law firm for banking and financial services for more than a decade.

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