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Chirls Awarded Friel Medal for Distinguished Service in Public Finance



CHICAGO – Richard Chirls accepted the National Association of Bond Lawyers (NABL) Bernard P. Friel Medal at the 2008 Bond Attorneys’ Workshop (BAW) on Sept. 17, 2008, for distinguished service in public finance.

Chirls is a partner in the New York office of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP and focuses his practice on the tax aspects of public finance transactions, specifically on new products, including the development of financing techniques for governments and investment bankers.

“Richard is unselfish with his time and he takes great pleasure in passing along his knowledge and helping lawyers develop,” said Ed Oswald, partner in the Washington, D.C., office of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, when presenting Chirls the Friel Medal.

Throughout his almost three decades practicing public finance, Chirls has been active in the industry serving on educational panels and participating in organizations that shape regulatory policy.

Chirls served as NABL President from 1990 to 1991, and has been active in the American Bar Association, Section of Taxation, and the New York State Bar Association, Tax Section. He was also a member of the Congressman Beryl Anthony’s Commission on Public Finance.

Chirls graduated (cum laude) from the University of Pennsylvania in 1974, received his J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School in 1977, and earned his LL.M. in Taxation from the New York University School of Law in 1979.

The Bernard P. Friel Medal was established in 1982 in honor of Bernard P. Friel of St. Paul, the Association’s first President. It is awarded to individuals that demonstrate distinguished service in public finance. Nominations are considered by the NABL Board of Directors and the nominees need not be members.

The National Association of Bond Lawyers (NABL) exists to promote the integrity of the municipal market by advancing the understanding of and compliance with the law affecting public finance. A professional association incorporated in 1979, NABL has approximately 3,000 members and is headquartered in Chicago. For more information, visit www.nabl.org.

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