Banner & Witcoff announces the appointment of Joseph M. Potenza to the ABA Standing Committee on Federal Judiciary.

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Joseph M. Potenza has been appointed as a member of the American Bar Association Standing Committee on Federal Judiciary, a prestigious 15-member panel that evaluates and rates judicial nominees for federal courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court.

Potenza was appointed to a three-year term by recently elected ABA President H. Thomas Wells Jr. Members of the committee conduct a unique confidential peer review that includes extensive interviews of legal and other associates who can shed light on a judicial nominee's professional background. The committee has since 1952 evaluated the professional qualifications of all nominees to the Supreme Court, U.S. circuit courts of appeals, district courts and the Court of International Trade. The committee's evaluation focuses on a nominee's integrity, competence and judicial temperament, and does not consider either philosophy or ideology. Its findings are submitted to the Senate Judiciary Committee and the President of the United States.

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