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MARTIN LAW'S GEORGE MARTIN ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

(Philadelphia, PA) – George Martin, the founder of Martin Law, LLC, one of the largest law firms in Pennsylvania focusing on Workers' Compensation, Social Security Disability, Long Term Disability, and Veterans' Benefits, has announced his plans to retire from the firm at the end of 2022.

It was in 1979 when Martin, a young attorney and single parent, left work early one day to pick up his 2 and 5-year-old children from daycare. As a result, he was fired by the law firm that employed him. He then established a solo practice, taking any cases his colleagues would refer, mostly low paying Workers' Compensation claims. His consistent successes and dedication to growing the practice resulted in what is now the powerhouse law firm known as Martin Law. The firm employs seventeen attorneys in seven offices across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania: Philadelphia, Malvern, Reading, Bristol, Allentown, Sunbury and Harrisburg.

“One unfortunate circumstance for George as a young attorney developed into the most fortunate development for hundreds of thousands of workers in Pennsylvania,” said Alfred J. Carlson, a member of Martin Law's management committee since 2010 who was named managing partner in 2021. “George established a firm with an innate understanding of the challenges our clients are facing – simply wanting to work and make a living for their families.”

Martin has held leadership positions in numerous organizations: the Pennsylvania Association for Justice (PAJ), for whom he served on the board of governors for nine years and as the first chair of the organization's Workers' Compensation Section; he is a past president of the Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association - the first workers' compensation attorney to serve in that position - and remains a lifetime member of their board of governors; he served as president of the American Association of Justice Workers' Compensation section in 2008; for the Philadelphia Bar Association, as co-chair of its Workers' Compensation Section in 1995 and on the board of governors as the section's first representative in 1996 and 1997; he has been a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association Workers' Compensation section since 1987 and has served as their vice chair, chair-elect, chairperson, secretary and treasurer.

In the spring of 2013, he became a certified specialist in Pennsylvania Workers' Compensation by the PA Bar Association's Section on Workers' Compensation Law as authorized by the PA Supreme Court. He is co-author of the 1990, 1992, 1994 and 1996 editions of Pennsylvania Workers' Compensation Practice and Procedure, published by the Pennsylvania Bar Institute. He was also appointed as a panel attorney for the Professional Hockey Players Association, which bestowed their “Workers' Compensation Attorney of the Year” award on him.

Martin devotes considerable time to Continuing Legal Education (CLE) and has lectured on behalf of the Pennsylvania and Philadelphia Bar Association, the Pennsylvania and Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Associations, the Pennsylvania Defense Institute, and numerous other organizations. He is co-author of the 1990, 1992, 1994 and 1996 editions of Pennsylvania Workers' Compensation Practice and Procedure, published by the Pennsylvania Bar Institute and continues to serve as a guest speaker for the CLE program.

He is also deeply committed to a number of charitable causes and in 1996 founded the George and Miriam Martin Foundation, which has given more than \$14 million to charitable organizations that work to protect rivers and watersheds. He is also a member of the board of trustees of Earthjustice, the world's largest nonprofit environmental law firm, and served for three years as the board's chair.

While the name of Martin's firm went through several modifications over the years, reflecting partners who joined and departed, in 2013 the shareholders opted to change the firm name to simply "Martin Law." "We as a partnership unanimously wanted the firm name to reflect a brand, not a roll call," said partner Matthew L. Wilson. "After all, Martin Law is more than just a name. It's a vision. We as partners are proud of the brand George established and will continue his mission."

However, while Wilson and the other partners continue with that mission, in his retirement Martin himself will likely not be spending a great deal of time on crosswords and golf. He is an avid outdoorsman, having kayaked, hiked, trekked and skied all over the globe, including scaling Mount Kilimanjaro.

"After 51 years as a litigator, quite frankly, I'm ready to move on," said Martin, who turns 76 in 2022. "As much as I love being a part of this great organization, I'd like to see my kids and grandkids as much as possible, continue to travel, spend more time in my gardens and less time on Zoom. I will work every day at Martin Law in 2022 as I have for the last 43 years and am proud to know that the firm is stronger than ever and well positioned to continue to grow and make a difference in the lives of Pennsylvania workers. That's a legacy I'm proud to know will stand."

Martin Law, LLC. is one of the largest law firms in Pennsylvania focusing solely on Workers' Compensation, Social Security Disability, Long Term Disability, and Veterans' Benefits. The firm was established in Philadelphia in 1979 by George Martin and now employs seventeen attorneys located in seven offices across Pennsylvania. Partners include Martin, Matthew L. Wilson, Joseph C. Huttemann, Alfred J. Carlson, John P. Dogum, Amit J. Shah, and Joseph A. Conlan.

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