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## Exciting Changes at Eastman & Smith Ltd.

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You will no doubt notice in this edition of *Lawtrends* the new and enhanced format of our publication. Coupled with our recent conversion to an electronic system for distributing *Lawtrends*, as well as a major overhaul of our web site ([www.eastmansmith.com](http://www.eastmansmith.com)), our attorneys and staff have obviously been busy in upgrading our abilities to communicate effectively and efficiently with our clients, colleagues and friends. We encourage your feedback on the changes we have made, as well as any suggestions you may have on how we can continue to improve in our ability to timely disseminate useful legal information and communicate with you.

Improvements in our electronic and internet capabilities are by no means the only changes happening at Eastman & Smith Ltd. Consistent with our roots and culture, the Firm has continued to carefully but steadily identify and pursue opportunities which allow us to better serve our clients. This has included establishing a new office in Findlay, Ohio, which is headed by John H. Koehler. It has also included expanding our presence in Columbus, Ohio by moving into a new 5,000 square foot office and adding more attorneys (soon to be four and rising). Our Findlay and Columbus attorneys, offices and resources are all available to any clients of the Firm throughout northwest and central Ohio.

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The Firm's Toledo office is also seeing exciting changes. We recently committed to keeping our offices in the downtown One SeaGate Building, and expect the building to flourish with the arrival of Fifth Third Bank and other new tenants. Thanks to both our clients and attorneys, we have seen consistent growth over time in our Toledo office, both in terms of size and practice areas. Our Toledo office now employs approximately 150 people, including nearly 80 attorneys. In addition to our core business and litigation practices, we have successfully developed specialty practices in labor and employment, wealth preservation and estates, environmental law,

public law and education law. We have also more recently focused on developing specialty practices in areas such as immigration law, copyright and trademark infringement, and transportation law. With the expanding diversity of practices within our Toledo office, we remain uniquely positioned to assist our clients in all of their legal needs.

In closing, we at Eastman & Smith Ltd. continue to look to both the old and the new in our ever constant commitment to serving our clients to the best of our abilities. While we are hopeful that you will be pleased by the new technological enhancements we have made, such as this new format for *Lawtrends*, we fully understand that it is our time-tested commitment to hard work and responsiveness that has served our clients well and allowed all of us to succeed over the years.

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