Quarles & Brady Earns Top Marks in 2017 Corporate Equality Index

The national law firm of **Quarles & Brady LLP** announced that it received a perfect score of 100 percent on the 2017 Corporate Equality Index (CEI), a national benchmarking survey and report on corporate policies and practices related to LGBT workplace equality, administered by the Human Rights Campaign Foundation. The firm joins the ranks of 517 major U.S. businesses which also earned top marks this year.

“We are proud to be recognized for our long-standing and continued commitment to diversity and inclusion,” said George Marek, Quarles & Brady partner and chair of the firm’s Diversity & Inclusion Committee. “As an LGBT attorney, I know the benefits of working in an organization that values diversity, and where I can bring my entire self to the table.” LGBT Employee Resource Group leader Michael Hearon noted, “With the support of the firm and our LGBT Employee Resource Group, we are elated to receive a perfect score from the HRC for the third consecutive year. We believe that we are leaders in diversity and inclusion and this recognition proves that we are achieving what we believe.”

The 2017 CEI rated 1,043 businesses in the report, which evaluates LGBT-related policies and practices including non-discrimination workplace protections, domestic partner benefits, transgender-inclusive health care benefits, competency programs, and public engagement with the LGBT community. Quarles & Brady’s efforts in satisfying all of the CEI’s criteria results in a 100 percent ranking and the designation as a Best Place to Work for LGBT Equality.

For more information on the 2017 Corporate Equality Index, or

to download a free copy of the report, visit **www.hrc.org/cei**.

The Human Rights Campaign Foundation is the educational arm of America’s largest civil rights organization working to achieve equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual transgender and queer people. HRC envisions a world where LGBTQ people are embraced as full members of society at home, at work and in every community.