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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

PAUL J. GITNIK OF KEEVICAN WEISS BAUERLE & HIRSCH LLC HAS BEEN ELECTED TO SERVE AS A BOARD OF DIRECTOR OF MOUNT WASHINGTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (MWCDC)

PITTSBURGH – October 23, 2013 – Paul J. Gitnik of Keevican Weiss Bauerle & Hirsch LLC has been elected to serve as a member of the Board of Directors to the Mount Washington Community Development Corporation for a three-year term.

The Mount Washington Community Development Corporation (MWCDC) is a 501(c)(3), non-profit community development corporation serving the neighborhoods of Mount Washington and Duquesne Heights, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Established in 1990, the **mission** of the MWCDC *is to cultivate growth, development and community investment*. Strategic priorities to achieve the mission are done through programs like business development, park and conservation management, real estate development, advocacy, public safety and marketing/outreach. The strategies and mission support the **vision** of *being the number one neighborhood for residents, businesses and visitors in Pittsburgh*.

The MWCDC is an organization with strong, reliable, capable, caring and responsive board leadership that communicates openly and effectively with its membership and the larger community. MWCDC encourages participation, education, and partnerships on a variety of projects and issues including those that are complex and controversial.

Mr. Gitnik's practice encompasses the areas of business, estates & trusts, healthcare, municipal, nonprofit, oil-gas, real estate and tax laws. He graduated from Duquesne University in 1982, cum laude, and Duquesne University School of Law in 1985. He also earned an advanced law degree in taxation from Georgetown University Law Center in 1987.

In 2011, Mr. Gitnik founded ShaleEnergyUSA.com, Inc. with three interconnected websites, www.ShaleEnergyUSA.com, www.MarcellusUSA.com and www.UticaUSA.com, which provides resources and tools, included the recorded oil-gas leases, royalty percentages, dates, documents, instruments, permits, well dates, records, regulations and information about Shale Oil-Gas in the Appalachian Basin – all on its websites.

In 1991, Mr. Gitnik founded SOCRATES, INC., which provides claims recovery outsourcing, technology and consulting services, and solutions to the health payor industry. He stewarded the development of SOCRATES, INC.'s proprietary Subrogation Outsourcing Case Review And Tracking Empowerment System® (SOCRATES®) and the MY SOCRATES® family of proprietary software programs. In 2007, SOCRATES, INC. was selected as an American Health Insurance Plans (AHIP) Solutions Partner and since 2001 was selected A.M. Best Rated Recommended Subrogation Firm. He sold SOCRATES, INC. in 2007 to a private equity company funded by Sequoia Capital and the Silicon Valley Bank.

Mr. Gitnik was on the adjunct faculty of Duquesne University School of Law, Mercyhurst College, and Penn State Continuing Education for Accountants.

He is or has been a member of nonprofit boards, including the Allegheny Regional Asset District Board, Allegheny County Bar Foundation, Animal Friends, Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens, Pittsburgh Opera, Pittsburgh Mercy Foundation, Diocese of Pittsburgh Foundation Advisory Board, Hamot Health Foundation, St. Vincent Health Center, Preservation Pennsylvania, Erie Art Museum and Jefferson Health System.

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Available for Interviews:

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