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## THE LAW OFFICES OF ERIKA E. COLE, LLC

To Our Clients and Friends:

As you may know, June 1st is the anniversary of the founding of our law firm. Over the years, this has become an occasion to look back on what has been, for us, an extraordinary journey of service, including to an ever growing number of churches and denominations. In so many ways, our work has felt like a calling, and we are grateful for the many opportunities we have had to work with you on your own journey of service.

We are especially excited this year to mark our 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary with some very exciting news. On July 1, The Law Offices of Erika E. Cole, LLC will combine with Whiteford, Taylor & Preston LLP, a law firm of more than 160 attorneys. From this new and expanded platform, we will continue to provide the same level of dedicated service that our clients have come to know and expect, while at the same time offering a wider range of legal services.

Founded in Baltimore in 1933, Whiteford, Taylor & Preston has grown to industry prominence with a reputation for understanding clients' businesses and delivering cost-effective, practical legal solutions. It is widely recognized as a leading provider, with top rankings from *Chambers USA*, *Benchmark Litigation*, *US News & World Report* and *Best Lawyers in America*. Its leading practices include Nonprofits & Associations, Corporate and M&A, Litigation, Real Estate, Intellectual Property (including Cybersecurity), Bankruptcy and Restructuring, Labor & Employment, Franchising, Employee Benefits, Executive Compensation and Private Wealth.

We are excited about the expanded offerings that will soon be available. At the same time, we are grateful that, from the perspective of our clients, our essential relationships with them will not change but feel exactly the same.

Please join us as we look back on 12 years of service, and in looking ahead to a time of inspiring growth.

In joy and gratitude,

Erika E. Cole, Esquire