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## **Long-time CBM Client Recognized as Chairman of the American International Automobile Dealers Association**

*AIADA Known for its Advocacy of Free trade in the Automotive Industry*

**February 1, 2017 (Bethesda, MD & Washington, DC)** – Paul Ritchie, a client of Councilor, Buchanan & Mitchell, PC (CBM) for more than 20 years, has been recognized as the incoming chairman of the American International Automobile Dealers Association, a trade group that advocates for free trade among automobile markets worldwide. Ritchie’s new role was recognized at the National Automobile Dealers Association’s 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary conference in New Orleans, LA from January 26-29.

Ritchie is a long-time advocate for free trade within the automotive industry and has been involved with AIADA since the 1980s. An automotive dealer since 1990, he is the owner of Hagerstown Honda and Hagerstown Kia in Maryland and Altoona Honda in Pennsylvania.

CBM Managing Partner Peter Reilly and partner John Comunale were on hand in New Orleans to acknowledge the industry’s anniversary milestone and support Ritchie’s achievement.

“CBM is proud to see one of its most successful auto dealer clients entrusted with leadership of such a prestigious association,” said Reilly. “Our firm has worked with Paul for more than two decades and we have long recognized his growing contributions and the level of respect he has received within the industry. We look forward to hearing more about his positive impact as he moves into this role.”

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