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Morgan Lewis Partner Eric Kraeutler Joins New National Board of Directors for Back on My Feet, the Nonprofit That Helps Homeless Through Running

PHILADELPHIA -- Back on My Feet, the nonprofit that promotes the self-sufficiency of homeless populations by engaging them in running, is proud to announce that **Eric Kraeutler, a Litigation Partner at Morgan Lewis and the Firmwide Hiring Partner**, has joined the **Back on My Feet National Board of Directors**.

"Back on My Feet is fortunate to have the support of people like **Eric Kraeutler** willing to contribute their time, energy and resources to help BOMF become a national organization," **Founder and President of BOMF Anne Mahlum** said. "It is our mission to help as many people as possible and with that comes evolution of the infrastructure, which includes forming a national Board of Directors."

Kraeutler was an early supporter of Back on My Feet, which first launched in Philadelphia in July 2007. He was involved in advising founder Mahlum before and during the formation of the organization.

"Having been lucky enough to witness the transformation of Back on My Feet from the daring concept of an idealistic young woman into a results-oriented national organization filled with passionate people, I am thrilled to serve on the board," said Kraeutler.

As Back on My Feet continues to expand -- now in Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington D.C., Boston and Chicago with plans for five cities in 2011 -- it became necessary to complement each chapter's advisory board with a broader, national board of directors, made up of the most engaged and influential Back on My Feet supporters.

With the help of an impressive and connected board, the organization has seen impressive growth.

After launching in Philadelphia in July 2007, Back on My Feet's 2010 budget has grown to \$3.4 million, which has helped more than 600 people move their lives forward through education, job training, employment and/or housing. The organization's projected budget is expected to more than double in 2011, exceeding \$7 million as it enters into five additional markets.

Considering a fifth of that budget comes from corporations, a relationship with business leaders is vital to the organization's sustaining its mission of combating homelessness.

Eric Kraeutler is the leader of the Philadelphia Litigation Practice at Morgan Lewis, one most successful law firms in the United States. His practice focuses on trials and appeals involving complex commercial,

intellectual property, and white collar criminal matters. Mr. Kraeutler has been the lead trial lawyer in civil and criminal jury trials, civil bench trials, and arbitrations, including international arbitrations. He also has appellate experience, having argued numerous cases before the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Third, Ninth, and Federal Circuits, as well as state appellate courts.

Kraeutler joins the national board with **David Grissen, Marriott** President of the Americas; **Kevin Casey, Comcast** North Central Division President; **Jim Boyle**, President of **John Hancock** Financial Services and **Chairman Larry Solomon**, COO for **Accenture's** Health & Public Services Operating Group.

ABOUT BACK ON MY FEET

Back on My Feet, which launched in Philadelphia in 2007, is a nonprofit organization that promotes the self-sufficiency of the homeless population by engaging them in running to build strength, confidence and self-esteem.

Members must run Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings and must maintain a 90 percent attendance rating in order to move forward in the program and gain access to job training, employment and housing opportunities.

The organization has chapters in Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington D.C., Boston, Chicago and will expand to Dallas-Fort Worth, Atlanta and Minneapolis-St. Paul in the first half of 2011.

The organization has received incredible media support, including attention from [NBC Nightly News](#), [ABC World News](#), [CNN](#), and [The Today Show](#) for its ingenuity in tackling this difficult social issue. In addition to Philadelphia, the organization has chapters in Baltimore, Washington DC and Boston, and will launch in Chicago in September. More information can be found at www.backonmyfeet.org

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