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LAW WEATHERS & RICHARDSON ELECTS ANTHONY BARNES SHAREHOLDER

Grand Rapids, Michigan – February 16, 2006 – Law Weathers & Richardson, a leading multi-specialty law firm based in Grand Rapids, today announced the election of Anthony T. Barnes as a shareholder of the firm. An experienced corporate lawyer and West Michigan native, Barnes has been with Law Weathers for two years. He began his legal career with Troutman Sanders LLP, an international law firm based in Atlanta.

“Since joining Law Weathers in 2004, Tony has brought a tremendous amount of energy and leadership to the firm,” said Kevin B. Krauss, President and Managing Shareholder of Law Weathers & Richardson. “His prior experience at a leading global firm has enabled him to become a strategic partner to his clients and provide practical, cost-effective counsel to entrepreneurs and business executives at all levels. Tony’s leadership and counsel will be a vital asset to the firm as we continue to expand our platform in West Michigan.”

A member of Law Weathers Corporate Practice Group, Barnes serves business and professional clients of all sizes, both publicly and privately held, which are engaged in many industry sectors and business activities including manufacturing, distribution, pharmaceutical, retail, investment banking, venture capital, angel investment and commercial banking. His practice involves advising start-ups and established businesses in connection with their day-to-day operations and with the strategic acquisitions, mergers and divestitures that they require, both on the buy and sell side.

Barnes has expertise in a wide variety of general business law matters including entity formation, succession planning and the negotiation, structuring and preparation of a wide variety of commercial and business agreements, such as manufacturing and supply, outsourcing, consulting, employment, business protection, confidentiality and licensing agreements.

Barnes received his Bachelor of Arts degree with distinction from Kenyon College, and his law degree from Vanderbilt University, where he was the Executive Administrative Editor of the Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law. He also received the school’s award for his work in Secured Transactions and the Taxation of Transnational Operations.

Barnes is active in many charitable causes and serves on the Board of Directors of the James Hale Memorial Trust (a charity affiliated with Gift of Life), The East Grand Rapids Community Foundation, and the Urban Institute for Contemporary Art. He also is a frequent speaker and author on a variety of business law and strategy topics.

About Law Weathers & Richardson

Law Weathers & Richardson, based in Grand Rapids, MI, is an old line, multi-specialty law firm that has been a prominent fixture of the West Michigan business and legal community for 138 years. The firm provides high-quality legal services in virtually every area of the law to a broad spectrum of clients ranging from large, multinational corporations, banks and other financial institutions to closely-held businesses, wealthy families, not-for-profit organizations, health care providers and local governments. For more information, visit the firm's Web site at www.lwr.com.

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