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**THE GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS GROUP OF
MURTHA CULLINA RECEIVES AWARD FROM
CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION FOR MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPY**

HARTFORD, CONN. (April 17, 2008)... On Friday, April 11, 2008, Murtha Cullina LLP was honored by the Connecticut Association for Marriage & Family Therapy ("CTAMFT") with an appreciation award in recognition of the Government Group's effort regarding the passing of Public Act 07-241, which expands mental health therapy access to children in Connecticut school systems. David J. McQuade and Janemarie W. Murphy, Senior Government Affairs Consultants of Murtha Cullina's Government Affairs Group, were honored for their advocacy efforts over the past several years in helping the CTAMFT Legislative Committee on the passage of this important new law.

The act requires the State Board of Education, by June 1, 2008, to adopt regulations establishing standards for certifying marital and family therapists for employment by boards of education. Connecticut is the first and only state to pass such an act. Linda Schwallie, M.S., President-Elect of the National Chapter of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy ("AAMFT") attended the recent reception.

CTAMFT represents the professional interests of more than 900 marriage and family therapists throughout Connecticut. CTAMFT is a division of the AAMFT, which represents more than 24,000 marriage and family therapists throughout the United States, Canada and abroad.

With 130 attorneys in five offices, Murtha Cullina offers a full range of legal services. From our base in New England, we serve the local, regional, national and international needs of our clients. Our practice encompasses litigation and transactional representation of businesses, governmental units, non-profit organizations and individuals. Core practice areas include commercial finance and lending, corporate, private equity and venture capital, mergers and acquisitions, energy, telecommunications, health care, environmental and land use, bankruptcy and creditors rights, business immigration, insurance coverage for policyholders, labor and employment, litigation, municipal law, public finance, real estate and trusts and estates. Murtha Cullina is the exclusive member firm for Connecticut of Lex Mundi, the world's leading association of independent law firms. Murtha Cullina is also a member of State Law Resources.

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