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**MURTHA CULLINA WELCOMES
NEW TEAM IN NEW SHORELINE OFFICE**

HARTFORD, CONN. (May 1, 2008)... Murtha Cullina LLP is pleased to announce the opening of a shoreline office and welcome a new team of trust, estate and tax professionals. Irving S. Schloss joins the firm as a partner, Elizabeth Leamon as an associate and Shawn L. O'Sullivan as counsel. We are also pleased to welcome fiduciary accountant/paralegal Joyce "Joy" I. Robbins.

Murtha Cullina is developing plans for new office space in the Madison-Old Saybrook corridor. In the meantime, the Murtha Cullina shoreline office will temporarily be located at 2488 Boston Post Road in Guilford. The individuals mentioned above will also be available to clients at Murtha Cullina's centrally located New Haven office.

Al Smith, Murtha Cullina's Managing Partner, said "Opening an office on the Connecticut shoreline has been one of the Firm's goals for many years. We have been a proud member of the Hartford, New Haven and Stamford communities for many years, and we are now pleased to provide our clients who live in the shoreline community an additional location."

Irving S. Schloss has been practicing law for more than 35 years. Mr. Schloss represents clients on estate planning and administration, trusts, tax and business planning. He is a Regent of the American college of Trust and Estate Counsel ("ACTEC") and the editor of ACTEC Studies. Mr. Schloss has written and published numerous articles in national estate planning journals: "A Roadmap Through TIAA-CREF," "Off the Map: More on TIAA-CREF and Paradoxes of Retirement Planning," "Some Undiscovered Country: The Business Trust and Estate Planning," and "Assessing the Uses of Electing Small Business Trust and Estate Planning: Getting a Wrong Concept Right." Understanding TIAA-CREF, coauthored with Deborah V. Abildsoe, was published in 2000 by Oxford University Press. He received his LL.B. from Yale Law School and his A.B., *magna cum laude*, *Phi Beta Kappa*, from Harvard College.

Elizabeth Leamon has extensive experience representing clients in the area of wealth management, including estate planning, estate settlement and probate litigation. Ms. Leamon received her J.D., *with honors*, from University of Connecticut School of Law, her M.A. from New York University and her B.A., *cum laude*, *Phi Beta Kappa*, from Connecticut College.

Shawn L. O'Sullivan represents clients in the areas of estate planning, probate and trust administration and taxation. He received his J.D. from Western New England College School of Law and his A.B. from Providence College.

With over 20 year's experience, Joyce "Joy" I. Robbins joins Murtha Cullina as a fiduciary accountant/paralegal.

With 130 attorneys in six 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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