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**Carlile Patchen & Murphy LLP Welcomes Nationally-Known
Estate Planning Attorney to the Firm**

Columbus, OH – September 6, 2011 – Carlile Patchen & Murphy is pleased to announce that nationally-known estate planning expert Alan Acker has joined the firm. Most recently, Acker served as Franklin County Probate Court Judge.

Acker has been an estate planning lawyer for more than 30 years, working in law firms in Columbus, Chicago, and Norfolk, Virginia. He focuses his practice in the areas of estate planning, estate and gift taxation, income taxation of trusts and estates, charitable giving and probate. In addition, he has authored several books, including five BNA tax portfolios and numerous articles for professional publications in the estate planning field. He has lectured across the country at many well respected estate planning professional conferences.

“We are proud to welcome a lawyer as prestigious as Alan Acker to the Family Wealth Planning Practice Group at our firm,” said Bryan Hogue, who leads the practice group. “He brings a great depth of knowledge to our robust team, and I look forward to working beside him.”

Acker is an adjunct professor of Federal Income Taxation of Trusts and Estates and of Drafting Estate Planning Documents at Capital Law and Graduate Center in Columbus, and is a former adjunct professor of Advanced Estate Planning at DePaul Law School in Chicago. He is a member of the Ohio State Bar Association’s Section Counsel of the Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law Section, and the Estate Planning, Trust & Probate Law Specialty Board. He is a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*®, and was selected as a Top 100 Attorney in the country by *Worth Magazine*’s Robb Report in December 2005.

“Alan’s strong background in legal practice and his involvement in scholastic and professional education will serve the firm’s clients well,” said Marie-Joëlle Khouzam, management partner for the firm. “His unique skill set and national experience will enhance the firm’s competencies.”

Acker received his law degree from Chicago-Kent College of Law and his undergraduate degree in accounting from the University of Illinois. He is a member of the Columbus, Illinois, and Ohio State Bar Associations. He is also a member of the Ohio Society of CPAs.

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