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Carlile Patchen & Murphy LLP Welcomes New Attorneys

Columbus, OH – April 28, 2010 – Carlile Patchen & Murphy is pleased to announce that Doug Jennings has been hired as a partner, Dan Barham has been hired as an associate and Brian Johnson has moved from a part-time to full-time Of Counsel with the firm.

Doug Jennings, a CPM partner, focuses his practice on securities litigation, restrictive covenants, trade secrets and unfair competition. He represents the financial services industry and its agents and representatives in state and federal court, industry arbitration and before regulatory agencies. He also represents registered representatives and investment advisors in enforcement and licensing proceedings before state, federal and industry regulators.

Jennings graduated from The Ohio State Moritz College of Law with honors and earned a bachelor's degree in political science from The Ohio State University. He is a member of the American, Ohio and Columbus Bar Associations. He is also past chair of the Columbus Bar Association's Common Pleas Court Committee.

Dan Barham, a CPM associate, represents businesses and entrepreneurs in general business matters, mergers and acquisitions, state and local tax matters and tax controversies. Before entering the legal field, Barham spent six years in the plastics industry, first working for Ashland Chemical, and then managing the Southeastern U.S. business for AT Plastics, a multi-national plastics manufacturer.

Barham received his law degree from Vanderbilt University Law School and earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Texas A&M University. He is a member of Columbus Young Professionals, serves on the Advisory Board of The Entrepreneurship Institute-Columbus, is a member of the Lancaster-Fairfield Chamber of Commerce, serves as a Member and Personnel Committee member of the First Presbyterian Church of Lancaster, and is a member of the Fairfield Industries Board of Directors. Barham is a member of the American Bar Association, Ohio State Bar Association (Tax and Corporation Law Committees) and Columbus Bar Association. He also volunteers for the Columbus Legal Aid Low Income Taxpayer Clinic.

Brian Johnson, of counsel to the firm, concentrates on handling a variety of complex business and commercial litigation matters in state and federal courts, before regulatory agencies, and through alternative dispute resolution mechanisms, including arbitration and mediation. He emphasizes trial and appellate advocacy in the areas of probate and fiduciary litigation, business tort litigation, contract disputes and business conflicts. As the current or former executive director of three non-profit organizations, he also focuses on counseling and representing non-profit organizations.

Johnson earned a law degree from the University of Notre Dame, a Master of Divinity degree from Trinity Divinity School, and a bachelor's degree from Wheaton College. He is currently admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court, the Supreme Court of Ohio, the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit and the United States District Courts for the Northern and Southern Districts of Ohio. He is a member of the American, Ohio and Columbus Bar Associations.

The law firm of Carlile Patchen & Murphy has for over 40 years concentrated on responsively serving the legal and business needs of mid-sized Central Ohio businesses and their owners and executives. Beyond the traditional advice on choice of the appropriate business entity and structure of ownership interests, the firm lends its extensive experience in counseling on financing, tax planning and operations; and ultimately to sale or transfer of the business to a strategic buyer, the employees or succeeding generations. Employment matters, and litigation if all else fails, are also major areas where the firm's attorneys regularly offer skilled advice and timely assistance.

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