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CONNER & WINTERS NAMES NEW PARTNERS

TULSA – (January 10, 2008) As Conner & Winters, LLP celebrates its 75th Anniversary in 2008, the firm is pleased to announce that Melinda L. Kirk, P. Bradley Bendure and Debra R. Stockton have been named partners in the Firm's Tulsa, Oklahoma office.



Melinda L. Kirk works in the litigation group and practices in the areas of labor and employment, whistleblower defense, construction and commercial litigation. Her practice includes handling a broad range of cases in federal and state courts, locally and nationally, as well as administrative proceedings before the United States Department of Labor, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and various state human rights commissions. She earned an undergraduate degree in 1986 and a *juris doctor* degree with highest honors in 2001, both from The University of Tulsa. Ms. Kirk is a member of the Tulsa County, Oklahoma and

American Bar Associations. She currently serves on the Board of The University of Tulsa College of Law Alumni Association, the Corporate Giving Committee of the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women campaign and as a Panel Leader for the Tulsa Area United Way's Community Investments Process.



P. Bradley Bendure practices in the litigation group with emphasis in the areas of labor and employment, construction and insurance defense. Mr. Bendure has represented clients in a variety of industries in both state and federal courts on matters including claims for wrongful death, negligence, products liability and breach of contract. Mr. Bendure's labor and employment practice includes collective bargaining, litigation of unfair labor practices, grievance arbitrations, employment discrimination litigation, and wage and hour disputes. Mr. Bendure earned an undergraduate degree in economics in 1998 from Knox College (magna cum laude) and a *juris doctor* degree with honors in 2001 from The University of Oklahoma. He

is a member of the Tulsa County, Oklahoma and American Bar Associations and is licensed to practice before the United States District Courts for the Northern, Eastern and Western Districts of Oklahoma as well as the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit.

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Debra R. Stockton practices in the corporate and securities group with an emphasis on mergers and acquisitions and general business representation. Ms. Stockton's experience includes representation of entities from a wide variety of industries, including retail, energy, telecommunications and manufacturing. Ms. Stockton has assisted clients with mergers and acquisition matters and general business matters, including contract preparation, review and negotiation. Ms. Stockton has been involved in the formation and structuring of corporations, limited liability companies, partnerships and professional corporations, including assisting clients with conversions of entities and entity re-structuring matters. Ms. Stockton has also assisted clients in venture capital transactions and in connection with financing matters. Ms. Stockton earned an undergraduate degree in 1991 from Northeastern State University and a *juris doctor* degree in 1994 from The University of Tulsa. She is a member of the Tulsa County, Oklahoma and American Bar Associations.

About Conner & Winters, LLP. Founded in 1933, the firm is celebrating its 75th Anniversary in 2008. Conner & Winters is a full-service law firm with more than 85 attorneys practicing in eight U.S. locations, including Tulsa and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Northwest Arkansas; Houston and Dallas, Texas; Jackson, Wyoming; Santa Fe, New Mexico; and Washington, DC. While serving thousands of clients, ranging from multi-national corporations to local businesses, individuals and entrepreneurs, the firm maintains a rich heritage and outstanding reputation. For more information, go to: www.cwlaw.com.