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CONNER & WINTERS WELCOMES ALAN WOOTEN AS PARTNER IN ITS NORTHWEST ARKANSAS OFFICE

FAYETTEVILLE, ARK. – (July 15, 2011) Conner & Winters, LLP announces that G. Alan Wooten has joined the firm's Northwest Arkansas office as a Partner. A graduate of the University of Arkansas School of Law, he has more than 35 years of experience in civil litigation involving professional liability cases, employment discrimination, commercial disputes and first amendment cases. His clients have included medical professionals, hospitals, lawyers, architects, engineers, accountants and small businesses. Wooten has also handled complex commercial litigation suits for publicly held companies. In addition, he has served as outside general counsel for an area hospital, handling its day-to-day legal matters involving employment issues, compliance with federal and state regulations, drafting contracts and other issues.

Wooten is a Fellow of the prestigious American College of Trial Lawyers and has a peer-rating of AV® Preeminent™ from Martindale-Hubbell. He has been included on the list of *Best Lawyers in America* since 2001. Wooten is a member of the Arkansas Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the American Board of Trial Advocates and the Sebastian County Bar Association.

"We are glad to welcome Alan to our firm. His reputation and expertise as a trial lawyer will be a valuable addition to our Northwest Arkansas office," said John Elrod of Conner & Winters.

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