

BRYAN CAVE LLP AND POWELL GOLDSTEIN LLP JOIN FORCES
-- Combined Law Firm Will Expand Its Worldwide Presence --

November 3, 2008 – The international law firm Bryan Cave LLP (www.bryancave.com) and Atlanta-based Powell Goldstein LLP (www.pogolaw.com) will combine, effective January 1, 2009, according to both firms. Globally, the combined firm will continue to be known as Bryan Cave LLP.

Following the combination, Bryan Cave will have more than 1,200 attorneys and other professionals in 25 offices around the globe. The combined firm is expected to rank among the 20 largest in the world by number of lawyers, and among the 50 largest as ranked by revenue.

“Bryan Cave is committed to being among the very best global law firms in building strong and enduring relationships with our clients,” said Don G. Lents, chairman of Bryan Cave. “This combination expands our reach into key markets in the Southeast and in Texas through the addition of one of the most highly regarded firms in the region. It will enhance our ability to assist our clients in those markets, and also deepen further our resources in several important practice areas, including services for financial institutions and in capital markets and real estate finance.”

Celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2009, Powell Goldstein serves clients from offices in Atlanta, Washington, D.C., Dallas and Charlotte, N.C.

“We have been exploring ways to better serve our clients, both domestically and internationally,” said James J. McAlpin, Jr., chairman of Powell Goldstein. “This move accomplishes that goal. It dramatically increases the range of services we can provide to our clients, and allows us to join forces with a firm that shares our culture and values.”

The move marks Bryan Cave’s entrance into the Atlanta, Dallas and Charlotte markets. It also expands significantly the firm’s presence in Washington, D.C., where Bryan Cave will now have nearly 125 professionals.

The combination with Powell Goldstein follows other recent moves by Bryan Cave to expand its domestic and international reach, including new offices in Milan, Hamburg, San Francisco and Paris within the past 17 months.

About Bryan Cave LLP

Bryan Cave LLP has a diversified international legal practice. The firm represents a wide variety of business, financial, institutional and individual clients, including publicly held multinational corporations, large and mid-sized privately held companies, partnerships and emerging companies. Subsidiaries Bryan Cave International Trade and Bryan Cave Strategies LLC provide trade and customs consultancy and government relations and strategic counsel, respectively. Aided by extensive investments in technology, Bryan Cave’s more than 1,000 lawyers and other consulting professionals in 22 offices across

the United States, the United Kingdom, Continental Europe and Asia efficiently serve clients' needs in the world's leading business and financial markets.

About Powell Goldstein LLP

Powell Goldstein LLP was established in 1909 and has over 200 attorneys who provide legal counsel to clients in a wide variety of practices from offices in Atlanta, Washington, D.C., Dallas and Charlotte. The firm provides counsel on financial institution matters, real estate finance and related capital markets work, complex litigation, corporate transactions, government advocacy issues and tax credit legislation and programs.

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