



Ten Helms Mulliss & Wicker Members Named Business Law Legal Elite

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Receive Peer-Nominated Recognition from Business North Carolina in Four Practice Areas.

PR9.NET January 07, 2008 - CHARLOTTE, N.C. - Peter J. Covington, chairman and managing member of Helms Mulliss & Wicker, PLLC, (HMW) a law firm specializing in litigation, finance and corporate law, announces today ten members of the firm have been named Legal Elite by Business North Carolina.

Earlier this year, Business North Carolina asked 18,500 members of the North Carolina Bar Association to nominate the best lawyers in fourteen practice specialties. This year, 635 (slightly more than three percent) of State Bar members earned Legal Elite recognition. All recipients will be profiled in the January 2008 issue.

HMW attorneys named to the 2008 "Legal Elite" include:

- E. Osborne Ayscue, Jr., Charlotte office – Litigation
- Peter J. Covington, Charlotte office – Litigation
- Larry J. Dagenhart, Charlotte office – Business
- Douglas W. Ey, Jr., Charlotte office – Litigation
- David Huffine, Wilmington office – Real Estate
- Henry L. Kitchin, Jr., Wilmington office – Young Guns
- Robert H. Pryor, Charlotte office – Bankruptcy
- Robert W. Simmons, Charlotte office – Real Estate
- Aaron G. Spencer, Raleigh office – Business
- Scott P. Vaughn, Charlotte office – Bankruptcy

"It is always an honor to have members of our firm receive peer-nominated recognition," said Covington. "Being named a 'Legal Elite' is especially gratifying, as those you practice with everyday are the ones who cast the votes. At HMW, we see this recognition as a strong affirmation of our continuing efforts to provide excellence to our clients and our communities."

For more information on HMW and its legal professionals, visit www.hmw.com.

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About Business North Carolina Magazine

Business North Carolina is a Charlotte-based monthly magazine that focuses on the people, events and trends that shape business in North Carolina. Since it began publication in 1981, it has won more than 80 national awards for its writing, reporting and design. Response to the 2007 balloting was up nearly 20% from 2006, with more than 2,500 lawyers receiving votes. 2001 was the first year of the published listing.

About Helms Mulliss & Wicker

HMW is recognized as one of America's Best Law Firms by Corporate Board Member magazine, ranked as a Top Ten Bond Counsel by The Bond Buyer and is named a Go-To Law Firm by Corporate Counsel magazine. The firm employs more than 135 lawyers, 20 of whom have been designated Super Lawyers in the 2007 North Carolina Super Lawyers magazine. HMW focuses on three practice groups: commercial litigation, complex finance and corporate law. Within the practice groups, specialty areas include: government relations, securities, mergers & acquisitions, employer services, private equity and others. The firm represents Fortune 100 companies, the nation's largest financial institutions as well as many high-growth and start-up companies. Helms Mulliss & Wicker maintains offices in Charlotte, Raleigh and Wilmington, NC. For additional information, visit www.hmw.com.

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