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Three Attorneys from Wall Esleeck Babcock Listed in Best Lawyers

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (FEBRUARY 6, 2008) – Three attorneys – John W. Babcock, Robert E. Esleeck and James D. Wall – of the law firm of Wall Esleeck Babcock LLP, have been included in *The Best Lawyers in America 2008*. Published since 1983, *The Best Lawyers in America* is widely regarded as the preeminent referral guide to the legal profession in the United States.

Babcock was listed in the corporate law and mergers & acquisitions categories, Esleeck was listed in the corporate law section, and Wall was listed in the health care category.

The *Best Lawyers* lists, representing more than 75 specialties in all 50 states and Washington, DC, are compiled through an exhaustive peer-review survey in which thousands of the top lawyers in the U.S. confidentially evaluate their professional peers. The current, 14th edition of *Best Lawyers* (2008), is based on nearly 2 million detailed evaluations of lawyers by other lawyers.

Babcock has extensive experience in corporate, tax and securities law matters, mergers and acquisitions and commercial business transactions. He has served as an adjunct professor of law at Wake Forest University for several years. Babcock also has served as secretary of the North Carolina Bar Association's Business Law Section and as a council member of the Business Law Section. He is a member of the North Carolina Bar Association, in both the tax and business law sections. Babcock graduated from the University of Michigan-Dearborn in 1982, with distinction, with a bachelor of science in administration. He received his J.D. in 1985 from the Wake Forest University School of Law, where he graduated magna cum laude, and an LL.M. in Taxation from New York University in 1987.

Esleeck has extensive experience in corporate law, mergers, acquisitions, dispositions and commercial transactions. As head of the corporate finance department in the Winston-Salem office of Kilpatrick Stockton, he managed bank, public and private debt and equity financings, asset and stock acquisitions and dispositions by public and private companies. Esleeck served as an executive-in-residence at Salem College from

2000-2006, where he taught business law, communications law and corporate finance. He is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he earned a B.S. in business administration in 1975, and a master's in business administration and a juris doctor degree, both in 1979.

Wall has extensive experience in the areas of healthcare and corporate law. He has represented municipal corporations and quasi-governmental agencies. Wall has vast experience in counseling corporate and healthcare clients in significant contractual relationships, including relationships with employees (non-compete and confidentiality issues), independent contractors, and vendors. A certified mediator, Wall has been recognized as a Legal Elite by *Business North Carolina* magazine. He holds an AV rating from Martindale-Hubbell. Wall is a 1986 graduate of the College of William and Mary, where he was elected to Beta Gamma Sigma, the national business honor society, and is a 1989 graduate of the University of Virginia School of Law.

Based in Winston-Salem, Wall Esleek Babcock LLP is a boutique law firm that combines extensive legal experience with personalized attention to clients. The firm focuses its practice in the areas of corporate law, including mergers and acquisitions, healthcare law, taxation, mediation and commercial real estate.

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