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Drye Joins Wall Esleeck Babcock

WINSTON-SALEM, NC (JUNE 5, 2010) – Michael L. Drye has joined the law firm of Wall Esleeck Babcock LLP in Winston-Salem as a partner. His practice focuses on business transactions, corporate finance and securities, mergers and acquisitions, commercial contract matters and general corporate law.

Prior to joining Wall Esleeck Babcock, he was a partner at Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice PLLC in Winston-Salem. Drye is included in *The Best Lawyers in America* (Mergers and Acquisitions Law) and holds an AV rating from Martindale-Hubbell.

Drye is a member of the North Carolina Bar Association, Business Law Section, and the Forsyth County Bar Association. Drye has been actively involved in the primary pro bono initiative of the Business Law Section, the NC LEAP program, by providing legal services to individuals and small business owners in North Carolina.

He received a J.D. degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1990 and a B.S. in Business Administration (concentration in accounting) degree from the University of Central Florida in 1978. Prior to law school, Drye was a Certified Public Accountant and worked for an international public accounting firm performing and supervising audits of public companies.

Drye has extensive experience representing companies of all sizes with respect to mergers, acquisitions and dispositions. He has prepared and reviewed Securities Exchange Act periodic reports for both NYSE and NASDAQ listed companies. Drye also devotes a significant portion of his practice to advising clients on entity formation, debt and equity financing, and the structure and formation of joint ventures. Drye has advised both public and private companies on a wide range of issues related to corporate governance, including the fiduciary obligations of directors, director independence and the structures and compositions of their boards of directors.

He is a long-time member of Calvary Baptist Church, where he has served in several capacities, including youth ministries. Drye and his wife, Laura, live in Lewisville and have three grown children.

Based in Winston-Salem, Wall Esleeck 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, trusts and estate planning, taxation, mediation and commercial real estate.

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