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New Partner, Peter F. Zupcofska, and Two Associates Join Burns & Levinson LLP

Boston, MA – Burns & Levinson LLP, a Boston-based leading law firm with offices in Massachusetts, Rhode Island and the District of Columbia, announces that **Peter F. Zupcofska** has joined the firm as a partner. In addition, we also welcome two new associates, **Donald J. Ellis** and **Andrea L. Ferrara**. With the addition of these attorneys the firm continues its growth plan and strengthens three key practice groups: private client service, business law, and intellectual property.

“Peter Zupcofska is one of the top probate litigators in the state with an impeccable reputation,” said David Rosenblatt, Managing Partner. “Over the years, Peter has handled some of the biggest divorce cases in Massachusetts in terms of marital estate value. He has been involved in landmark decisions making new law in the appellate courts. We are indeed fortunate to have Peter back at our firm practicing in our Private Client Group.” Peter rejoins us from Bingham McCutchen, where he has been a partner for the last 15 years.

“We also welcome two associates, Donald Ellis and Andrea Ferrara, to our corporate and intellectual property practices,” added Mr. Rosenblatt.

Peter F. Zupcofska is a Partner in the firm's Probate & Trust Litigation and Divorce & Family Law Groups. His practice concentrates on probate litigation and family law. Will contests, reformation of trusts, contested accountings, premarital agreements, divorce, guardianship, conservatorship, adoption and paternity proceedings are among his areas of practice. Prior to joining Burns & Levinson LLP in July of 2006, Peter was a partner at the law firm Bingham McCutchen LLP. A past president of the Family and Probate Inns of Court of Massachusetts, former co-chair of the Boston Bar Family Law Steering Committee and past member of the Massachusetts Bar Family Law Council, Peter serves on the Boston Bar Association Council, and the *Boston Bar Journal* Board of Editors. He is a member of the Boston Bar, Massachusetts Bar and American Bar Associations. A frequent lecturer and writer in his fields of concentration, Peter is the co-editor of *The Massachusetts Divorce Law Practice Manual and Forms* and the forthcoming *Massachusetts Fiduciary Litigation Practice Manual*, both published by MCLE. Since its inception, Peter has consistently been listed as a *Massachusetts Super Lawyer*. He received a J.D. degree from Boston College Law School in 1976 and a B.A. from Boston College in 1973. Peter served on the board of the Boston Center for Adult Education and lives in Boston's Back Bay.

Donald J. Ellis is an Associate in the Firm's Corporate Group. Prior to joining Burns & Levinson in May of 2006, Don was an associate in the Business Law Department at both Palmer & Dodge, LLP and Gordon and Balikian, LLP. He has a general corporate and securities practice, assisting domestic and international privately held and publicly traded entities in connection with financings, initial public offerings, private placements, acquisitions, joint ventures, recapitalizations, fund formation and general corporate and securities law. Following his second year of law school, Don studied international commercial contract and European Union law at the Law School of England and Wales in London, England. Prior to law school, he was a consultant serving the banking and financial services industries. Don received a J.D. degree, *magna cum laude*, from Boston College Law School in 2001 and an A.B., *cum laude*, from Vassar College in 1992. He currently resides in Cambridge, MA.

Andrea Ferrara is an Associate in the Firm's Intellectual Property/ SciTech Group. Ms. Ferrara joined Burns & Levinson in May of 2006, after serving as a law clerk in the Firm's Intellectual Property/ SciTech Group. Prior to joining Burns & Levinson and graduating from law school, Ms. Ferrara worked as a legal intern in the legal department of Kate Spade LLC and in the entertainment group at McCue Sussman & Zapfel, P.C. located in New York. Ms. Ferrara received a J.D. degree from New York Law School in May 2006, after completing her third year as a visiting student at Boston University's School of Law and a B.S. from Boston University College of Communication in 2003. She currently resides in Boston, MA.

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