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TUCKER ELLIS & WEST RANKED #1 IN NATION FOR PRODUCT LIABILITY WORK

Cleveland, Ohio – (January 14, 2009) Tucker Ellis & West LLP (“TEW”) learned this week that it has been named the top product liability firm in America based on the number of cases referred to the firm for defense. On January 13th, Product Liability Law 360 published the rankings in the 2009 360 Litigation Almanac. TEW garnered top honors even though it is the smallest of the firms ranked in the top 10. The list, which tracks non-asbestos matters, is set forth below along with the number of lawyers in each firm:

1. Tucker Ellis (141)
2. Shook Hardy (519)
3. Venable (600)
4. Hughes Hubbard (340)
5. Jackson Kelly (183)
6. Reed Smith (over 1000)
7. Fulbright & Jaworski (over 1000)
8. Nelson Mullins (400)
9. DLA Piper (3700)
10. Butler Snow (180)

TEW is also a national powerhouse in asbestos litigation, where the firm is national, regional or local counsel for several publicly-held companies.

“Tucker Ellis & West is a Cleveland success story,” said Curt Isler, the firm’s managing partner. “Businesses recognize the value of a firm offering the cost efficiencies of being Midwest-based with legal skills that are a match for those of anyone, anywhere in the U.S. We’re particularly pleased to receive this #1 ranking, which is evidence of the caliber of our product liability attorneys and their reputations among clients and colleagues throughout the country. These lawyers go into courtrooms all over America to protect the interests of our clients.”

TEW is a growing Cleveland based enterprise. The firm just opened an office in Denver on January 1, 2009, with 5 lawyers and 6 paralegals in residence there. Rather than laying off personnel, the firm has been steadily growing since opening its doors in July 2003. Today, the firm has 141 attorneys in offices in Cleveland, Columbus, Los Angeles, San Francisco and now Denver.

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