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EIGHT SUMMER ASSOCIATES JOIN TUCKER ELLIS & WEST LLP

Cleveland, Ohio – (June 5, 2009) Tucker Ellis & West LLP has announced that eight law school students, Erica M. James, Sung Hoon Kim, Chelsea R. Mikula, Drew M. Odum, Kendra J. Patrick, Trevor Scheetz, Brenda A. Sweet, and James R. Warren, have joined the firm as summer associates in the Cleveland office.

After graduating *cum laude* from the University of Miami with a B.S. in Psychobiology, Erica James received her M.D. from the University of Miami School of Medicine. She completed her residency in family medicine and is a board-certified family physician. She is currently attending law school at Case-Western Reserve University, concentrating in health law.

Sung Hoon Kim recently completed his first year at Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, and is a member of the Business Association. He was born in Korea and received his undergraduate degree in English Literature from Korea University. Prior to attending law school, he worked for Protiviti Inc., DW Consulting Inc., and Deloitte. His working experience includes audit and financial advisory service such as valuation, IPO, M&A and due diligence.

Chelsea Mikula completed her undergraduate degree in Political Science at Denison University, where she was the Student Body President. She is currently pursuing her J.D. at Cleveland-Marshall School of Law. Chelsea was a member of the Moot Court team and the Journal of Law and Health this past year. Chelsea has experience clerking for a state court judge and at a large Cleveland law firm. She volunteers for the Littlest Heroes and is actively involved with her church, Our Lady Chapel at Gilmour.

Drew Odum has just completed his second year at Cleveland-Marshall School of Law. As a member of the moot court team, he competed in the Federal Bar Association's Thurgood Marshall Memorial Moot Court Competition where he and his partner won first place Best Brief. He also clerked at the Eighth District Court of Appeals with Judge Melody Stewart.

Mr. Odum was born and raised in Cleveland and graduated from East Technical High School in 2000. He then attended Cornell University where he majored in Industrial and Labor Relations, and was co-founder

and chair of the Men of Color Council student organization that was later expanded to all Ivy League universities. Before entering law school, Drew participated in the Teach for America program and worked in the Atlanta Public School System as a fifth grade teacher for three years.

Kendra Patrick recently completed her first year at Georgetown University Law Center. She received her undergraduate degree from Spelman College, where she was involved in a number of campus organizations, many of which involved volunteering with local children.

Trevor Scheetz recently completed his first year at the University of Illinois College of Law, where he serves as President of the Student Hurricane Network, Fundraising Coordinator for the Public Interest Law Foundation, and 2L Representative for the Student Bar Association. He received his Bachelors degree in Economics and Psychology and earned a Master of Nonprofit Organizations degree, both from Case Western Reserve University. Before returning to school, Trevor also worked as a Program Coordinator for Business Volunteers Unlimited for one year. He has worked for, consulted with, and served on the boards and committees of several Cleveland-area nonprofits.

Brenda Sweet attends the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, where she will graduate with a dual degree in law and public administration. She was an Executive Editor of the Cleveland State Law Review. She graduated *magna cum laude* from Mount Union College in 2004 with a B.A. in Media Studies / Journalism. Brenda will join Tucker Ellis & West as an Associate in the Trial Department after she graduates this December.

James Warren recently completed his first year at Case Western Reserve University School of Law. He received a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering in 2004 and Masters of Engineering in electrical Engineering and Computer Science in 2005 from MIT. Prior to entering law school, Jim worked as an electrical engineer in the defense industry outside of Washington, DC. He is active in the Case Law School community and volunteers with the local MIT alumni club.

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