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CRANFILL SUMNER & HARTZOG LLP ANNOUNCES NEW PARTNERS

RALEIGH, N.C. – The civil defense firm of Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP today announced the following new additions to the firm's partnership:

Ryan D. Bolick – Ryan has been practicing law in North Carolina since 1999. He has been with the **Charlotte office** of Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP for seven years. Ryan focuses his practice in the areas of employment law, municipal and police law and general business law disputes and litigation before Federal and State courts in North Carolina. He attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for his undergraduate studies and received his J.D. from Campbell University's Norman A. Wiggins School of Law.

Roy G. Pettigrew – Roy has been practicing civil litigation in North Carolina for eight years. Prior to joining the **Raleigh office** of Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP in 2002, Roy had a diverse law practice which allowed him to gain extensive litigation experience in numerous areas of the law. He currently concentrates his practice in workers' compensation defense, complex subrogation and other insurance related matters. Roy routinely handles high exposure cases before the Industrial Commission and handles subrogation matters in the State and Federal Courts of North Carolina. He attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for his undergraduate studies. Roy later received his J.D. from the Wake Forest University School of Law where he was on the editorial staff of the *Wake Forest Law Review* and received high honors in the Trial Practice program.

Nicole D. Viele – Since joining Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP in 2001, Nicole has focused her practice on handling workers' compensation matters for employers and workers' compensation carriers. She has handled matters at all levels of workers' compensation litigation including mediated settlement conferences, hearings at the Deputy Commissioner and Full Commission levels, and appeals to the North Carolina Court of Appeals and Supreme Court. Prior to practicing law, Nicole taught world literature in the International Baccalaureate Program at Independence High School in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg school system. She received her B.A. from the University of North Carolina in Charlotte and her J.D. from the University of North Carolina School of Law in Chapel Hill. Nicole currently practices in the **Charlotte office** of Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP.

About Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP

Founded in 1992, Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP is a law firm which concentrates its practice in the defense of civil claims and lawsuits, representing individuals and businesses of all types.

Consistently ranked as one of the largest in North Carolina, the firm has more than 100 attorneys and three locations: Raleigh, Charlotte and Wilmington. The firm handles cases in a variety of practice areas, including medical and professional negligence, products liability, construction defects, police and municipal law, premises liability and security, trucking/transportation law, education law, employment law, workers' compensation claims, commercial litigation, environmental and toxic torts and land condemnation. With its experienced litigators and support personnel utilizing the latest technology available, Cranfill Sumner and Hartzog LLP is generally recognized as one of the most creative and innovative litigation firms in the state today. For more information, visit www.cshlaw.com or call 919-828-5100.

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