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### **Patricia L. Holland Awarded *Business Leader Media's* 2008 Women Extraordinaire Honor**

*Ten triangle women business leaders were honored December 8th*

**Raleigh, North Carolina** – The law firm of Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP is pleased to announce that Patricia L. Holland, a partner in the firm's Raleigh office, has been selected by *Business Leader Media* for the honor of Women Extraordinaire, 2008. Ms. Holland is among ten winners who were honored at a ceremony on December 8, 2008 at the Raleigh Convention Center and featured in the December issue of *Business Leader Magazine*.

The Women Extraordinaire Awards honor ten top women business leaders in the Triangle community. Honorees must be a woman of outstanding accomplishment, a leader, an innovator, a problem-solver and an inspiration and mentor to others. This year the honorees for Women Extraordinaire were chosen from a record number of nominations.

"I feel so honored to be included in such a terrific group of very accomplished women," said Patricia Holland. "I so appreciate the people who took the time out of their busy schedules to prepare the nomination. What a wonderful surprise – and so unexpected," added Ms. Holland.

Trish has also been recognized by *Best Lawyers in America®* in the fields of Employment Law and Alternative Dispute Resolution; by *Chambers U.S.A.* in the field of commercial litigation; by inclusion in *Business North Carolina's* Legal Elite Hall of Fame after being selected as the top employment attorney in the State in 2006; and by *Business Leader Magazine* as a 2008 Triangle Impact HR and Staffing Leader.

Concerning Trish's civic and philanthropic activities, for several years, she has been an avid supporter of the SPCA of Wake County (former President and Board Member) and Artspace, Inc., (former Vice President, Board Member and Member of the Capital Campaign Steering Committee). Trish also oversees the Holland Family Scholarship Fund for the College of Veterinary Medicine at North Carolina State University, along with her brother, Dan.

#### **About *Business Leader Magazine***

*Business Leader Magazine* is a national bi-monthly newsstand publication targeting business executives and business owners. The magazine profiles business leaders who have achieved success in their industries and tells you what steps they have taken to reach that success. The magazine's content includes articles on leadership, human resources, operations, technology, sales and marketing, and personal development, and features authors who are industry experts in those areas. The magazine reaches an audience of 195,000 readers and is distributed in over 5,000 outlets across 79 markets.

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