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Eleven Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog Attorneys Selected for 2009 North Carolina Super Lawyers® List

RALEIGH, N.C. – Civil defense firm, Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP, today announced that eleven of the firm's attorneys have been named by *Super Lawyers* magazine as top attorneys in the state of North Carolina for 2009, which is published annually by Law & Politics. In addition, attorney Patricia L. Holland was also named to the list of the Top 100 North Carolina Super Lawyers and the Top 50 Female North Carolina Super Lawyers in the State of North Carolina. Only five percent of the total lawyers in the state are named by *Super Lawyers*. Along with the list's publication in *N.C. Super Lawyers* magazine, it will also appear in the February issue of *Charlotte* magazine and in the *New York Times* (North Carolina distribution) next month.

The multi-step process is designed to identify North Carolina lawyers who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. In addition, attorneys selected as Rising Stars are considered the state's top up-and-coming attorneys. The process includes surveying more than 17,000 active lawyers in North Carolina, researching all nominee credentials, a blue ribbon panel review and a good standing review of each nominee's discipline record as provided by the North Carolina State Bar. As the final step in the process, top candidates are chosen from more than 70 different practice areas. Law & Politics performs the annual polling, research and selection of Super Lawyers.

The selected attorneys from Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP are listed below with their respective practice areas:

- David H. Batten - Personal Injury Defense-Medical
- Richard T. Boyette - Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Susan K. Burkhart - Insurance Coverage
- M. Robin Davis - Employment & Labor
- Dan M. Hartzog - Civil Litigation Defense
- Patricia L. Holland - Employment & Labor*, **
- C. D. Taylor Pace - Workers' Compensation
- Robert W. Sumner - Personal Injury Defense-General
- David D. Ward - Personal Injury Defense-Medical
- John D. Martin - Personal Injury Defense-Medical

Selected for North Carolina Rising Stars List

- Kathleen M. Miles - Personal Injury Defense-General

*Denotes a Top 50 Women listing

**Denotes a Top 100 listing

For more information about the Super Lawyers list, go to www.superlawyers.com.

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 & 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.