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Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog Attorney to Serve as NC Bar Association Section Counsel
Nick Valaoras Elected to a Three-year Term

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (May 6, 2010) — Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP (www.cshlaw.com), a corporate and civil defense litigation firm, announces that attorney Nick Valaoras of the Charlotte Office was recently elected to serve a three-year term as Section Council by the Workers' Compensation division of the North Carolina Bar Association.

The Workers' Compensation division of the Bar Association represents more than 751 plaintiff and defense attorneys in front of the North Carolina Industrial Commission and North Carolina General Assembly. It also provides member attorneys with resources to prepare their clients' cases and continuing educations opportunities.

"I am honored to serve as Section Counsel and look forward to working with my colleagues to address present and future challenges facing those of us involved in the North Carolina Workers' Compensation arena," says Valaoras.

Valaoras has represented employers and workers' compensation insurance carriers in evidentiary and appellate hearings before the North Carolina Industrial Commission, North Carolina Court of Appeals and North Carolina Supreme Court since 1992. He has experience in handling traumatic injury by accident cases, occupational disease, repetitive motion disorders, asbestosis, and permanent-total disability claims. Nick has also served as a mediator in industrial commission cases.