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#### **Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog Attorneys Named to 2008 North Carolina Super Lawyers<sup>®</sup> List**

**RALEIGH, N.C.** – Civil defense firm, Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP, today announced that nine of the firm's attorneys have been recognized in the North Carolina Super Lawyers<sup>®</sup> 2008 publication, which is published annually by Law & Politics. Only five percent of the total lawyers in the state are selected for inclusion in 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. The process includes surveying approximately 14,000 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 60 different practice areas. Law & Politics performs the annual polling, research and selection of Super Lawyers.

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

- David H. Batten - Personal Injury Defense: Medical Malpractice
- Richard T. Boyette - Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Buxton S. Copeland - Workers' Compensation
- Dan M. Hartzog - Civil Litigation Defense
- Patricia L. Holland - Employment & Labor \*, \*\*, \*\*\*
- C. D. Taylor Pace - Workers' Compensation
- Robert W. Sumner - Personal Injury Defense: General
- Emerson M. Thompson, III - Civil Litigation Defense
- David D. Ward - Personal Injury Defense: Medical Malpractice

\* Denotes a Top 10 listing

\*\* Denotes a Top 50 Women listing

\*\*\* Denotes a Top 100 listing

In addition, Patricia Holland was also named to the list of Top 100 North Carolina Super Lawyers, the Top 50 Female North Carolina Super Lawyers and was honored as one of the Top 10 attorneys in the State of North Carolina.

For more information about the Super Lawyers list, go to [www.superlawyers.com](http://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 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](http://www.cshlaw.com) or call 919-828-5100.

