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## **Kilpatrick Stockton and Muldoon Murphy & Aguggia Join Forces**

### ***Combined Firm to Launch Enhanced Financial Institutions Team***

**WASHINGTON, DC (May 12) -- Kilpatrick Stockton and Muldoon Murphy & Aguggia** today jointly announced the merger of their high-profile firms. The combined firm will be known as Kilpatrick Stockton. The merger was effective on May 7, 2008.

The combination of the two firms brings together many of the nation's leading attorneys representing financial institutions and businesses across a broad spectrum of industries. Paul Aguggia, who served as Muldoon Murphy & Aguggia Chairman, will head Kilpatrick Stockton's Financial Institutions Team in its Corporate Department. Mr. Aguggia, along with all 22 attorneys and 13 staff at Muldoon Murphy & Aguggia, will join Kilpatrick Stockton's Washington, DC office located on 14<sup>th</sup> Street NW.

"It is clear that both firms share a combined focus on delivering the high-quality service that our clients are accustomed to," said Paul Aguggia. "Clients joining Kilpatrick Stockton from Muldoon Murphy & Aguggia will have the benefit of extensive resources and nearly 500 attorneys, including over 100 corporate attorneys, offering services ranging from intellectual property, litigation, real estate, fund formation to employee benefits to name a few. We are thrilled to be joining one of the nation's leading, full-service law firms."

Based on a leading trade publication's 2007 tables for the number of financial institution merger and acquisition transactions handled by law firms in the United States, the combined firm would be ranked 7th in number of deals nationwide.

"Muldoon Murphy & Aguggia, a recognized leader in the marketplace for providing outstanding service to financial institutional clients across the country, will complement Kilpatrick Stockton's overall range of services," said Bill Dorris, CO-Managing Partner, Kilpatrick Stockton. "This joining of forces is a win-win for Kilpatrick Stockton clients who will now have access to enhanced expertise in the financial services arena including increased depth in corporate transactional and securities experience. Clients, attorneys and staff in the combined firm will benefit greatly from this strategic partnership."

Kilpatrick Stockton's Washington, DC office, which opened in 1976, has approximately 60 attorneys following completion of the merger.

"I am particularly excited about the positive impact this group of leading lawyers will have on our Washington, DC office," said Steve Baskin, Washington, DC Managing Partner. "Their outstanding practice not only strengthens the breadth of services the DC office provides but they bring a shared tradition of outstanding client service, giving back to the community and leadership in the legal arena."

Barry Romm, of Klein, Landau & Romm, one of the oldest continually operating legal search firms in the United States, played a key role in bringing Kilpatrick Stockton and Muldoon Murphy & Aguggia together.

### **ABOUT MULDOON MURPHY & AGUGGIA**

The Washington, DC firm of Muldoon Murphy & Aguggia, which was founded in 1968, has emerged as one of the leading law firms in the representation of financial services companies. While continuing to be a leader in the financial services arena, over the last decade the firm's client base has expanded to include businesses of all sizes and characteristics in a variety of industries. The firm's specialization in the practice areas of corporate, finance and securities law provides a unique level of experience and depth of knowledge.

### **ABOUT KILPATRICK STOCKTON**

Kilpatrick Stockton LLP is a full-service international law firm with nearly 500 attorneys in nine offices across the globe: Atlanta and Augusta, GA; Charlotte, Raleigh and Winston-Salem, NC; New York, NY; Washington, DC; London, England; and Stockholm, Sweden. Kilpatrick Stockton's delivery of innovative business solutions provides results-oriented counsel for corporations, from the challenging demands of financial transactions and securities to the disciplines of intellectual property management. Collaboration among Kilpatrick Stockton's corporate, litigation and intellectual property attorneys provides knowledgeable and proactive guidance for companies at every stage of the business life cycle. For more information, please visit [www.kilpatrickstockton.com](http://www.kilpatrickstockton.com).

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