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WOMBLE CARLYLE ANNOUNCES 2005-2006 MINORITY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. - Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice, PLLC today announced that the firm has selected nine law students to receive scholarships from the 2005-2006 Womble Carlyle Scholars Program.

The program will provide nine \$4,000 scholarships annually to minority, second-year law students -- one at each of nine law schools throughout the Southeast.

The Womble Carlyle Scholars are:

- * Kelly Booker, University of Virginia School of Law
- * Jonathan Friel, Wake Forest University School of Law
- * Teah Glenn, University of Georgia School of Law
- * Kiosha Hammond, University of South Carolina School of Law
- * Linton Mann III, Duke University School of Law
- * Bobby Mosely, Jr., North Carolina Central University School of Law
- * Desiree Noisette, University of North Carolina School of Law
- * Erica Stubbs, Emory University School of Law
- * Christina Thomas, Howard University School of Law

The minority students were selected for their excellent academic performance records, an aptitude for personal and professional development outside the school environment and significant community service contributions. In addition to receiving the scholarship funds, each Womble Carlyle Scholar will be offered a summer associate position with the firm after completing his or her second year of law school. The students also will be eligible for a \$4,000 third-year scholarship.

"We are very excited about this stellar group of scholars," said Brent Clinkscale, chair of the Womble Carlyle Diversity Committee. "This is the second year for the scholars program at Womble Carlyle, and we trust that we can continue to attract talented and dedicated individuals each year as we go forward."

The Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund partnered with Womble Carlyle to distribute the firm's scholarships at Howard and North Carolina Central Universities, both of which are historically black public universities supported by the Fund. Womble Carlyle is

funding the scholarships and worked jointly with the Fund to choose the student recipients at those two schools. Students at each of the seven remaining schools applied for the scholarship program. Womble Carlyle then interviewed all of the candidates from each school and

selected the scholarship recipients. The program received 97 applications for this year's scholarships. The firm established the Womble Carlyle Scholars Program during 2004.

About Womble Carlyle

A full-service business law firm, Womble Carlyle ranks among AmLaw's 100 leading firms in the country and is a top law firm for companies doing business in the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic states. The firm is the 2003 recipient of the Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund Corporate Leadership Award, making Womble Carlyle the first law firm ever to receive the highest honor given to a company in recognition of its support of the Fund and its 45 member institutions.

Founded in 1876, Womble Carlyle operates in four states and the District of Columbia with more than 500 attorneys in nine offices located in Atlanta, GA; Greenville, SC; Charlotte, Greensboro, Raleigh, Research Triangle Park, and Winston-Salem, NC; Washington, DC; and Tysons Corner, VA.