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ERISA Litigator Gregory Braden Joins D.C. Office of Morgan Lewis

WASHINGTON, April 9, 2007: Morgan Lewis is pleased to announce that Gregory C. Braden has joined the firm's Labor and Employment Practice. As a partner in the firm's Washington, D.C. office, Mr. Braden will focus his practice on ERISA litigation as well as employee benefits issues, including employee stock ownership plan (ESOP) transactions.

The arrival of Mr. Braden, known as one of the nation's preeminent ERISA practitioners, follows that of Edward Cerasia, another ERISA-focused Labor and Employment partner, in the firm's New York office.

"Greg's addition continues our significant investment in the broadening area of ERISA litigation, and further positions Morgan Lewis to provide unmatched expertise and depth to our corporate clients in this evolving area of employment law," said Steven R. Wall, Practice Group Leader of the Labor and Employment Practice at Morgan Lewis.

Ranked among the best lawyers nationally in *Chambers USA*, Mr. Braden has represented defendants in several major class action lawsuits, including 401(k) plan employer stock claims, a 401(k) plan "proprietary" mutual fund case, reductions in retiree medical coverage, severance pay plan litigation, and cash balance plan litigation.

Mr. Braden also is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*. He has lectured extensively on ERISA litigation topics, giving presentations to the American Bar Association Section of Taxation, the Enrolled Actuaries Convention, the Law Education Institute, the ESOP Association, the State Bar of Georgia, the Southern Employee Benefits Conference, and several other trade and professional organizations. Mr. Braden is an adjunct professor at Emory University Law School.

Mr. Braden is an editor of the ABA's *Employee Benefits Law* treatise and has authored articles on employee benefits topics appearing in the *Benefits Law Journal*, the *Journal of Compensation Planning and Compliance*, and other trade publications.

He earned his J.D., with honors, from the University of Wisconsin Law School in 1982, where he was named to the Order of the Coif and received the Dean's Academic Achievement Award and American Jurisprudence Awards. He earned his B.A., with honors, in mathematical economics from the University of Wisconsin in 1979.