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GEORGE MASON OLIVER, NEW BERN ATTORNEY CERTIFIED IN BUSINESS BANKRUPTCY LAW

March 20, 2008 -- The American Board of Certification announced that George Mason Oliver, attorney with the law firm of Stubbs & Perdue, P.A., in New Bern, North Carolina has successfully completed the requirements for national certification in business bankruptcy law.

To become certified, Mr. Oliver satisfied the following requirements:

- ◆ full time practice of law for at least five years;
- ◆ good standing in the bars of all states in which where a license to practice law is held;
- ◆ devoted at least 30% of practice time and at least 400 hours to bankruptcy related matters in the last three years;
- ◆ documented involvement business bankruptcy by providing information on cases practiced;
- ◆ demonstrated commitment to continuing legal education by earning at least 60 hours of bankruptcy education in the past three years.
- ◆ passed an extensive, day-long written examination covering business bankruptcy issues.

The American Board of Certification (ABC) is a non-profit organization dedicated to serving the public and improving the quality of the bankruptcy bar. The rigorous ABC certification standards are designed to encourage bankruptcy practitioners to strive toward excellence and to recognize those attorneys who are experts in the bankruptcy field. The ABC offers separate certification programs in business and consumer bankruptcy and creditors' rights. All three ABC certification programs are accredited by the American Bar Association. For a complete listing of certified attorneys, see our web page at: **www.abcworld.org**.

Even Congress has recognized the value of certification by adding it to the list of Section 330 compensation factors in the new bankruptcy law. Legislators and courts recognize that the successful operation of the bankruptcy system depends upon the involvement of professionals with special expertise. This new law recognizes that Board certification provides a simple, meaningful, and objective measure of skill and expertise in the bankruptcy field.

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