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MARVIN E. BLUM BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Marvin E. Blum, founding partner of The Blum Firm, P.C. with law offices in Fort Worth and Dallas, specializes in the areas of estate planning and probate, asset protection planning, planning for closely-held businesses, tax planning, tax controversy, and charitable planning.

Blum, an attorney and certified public accountant, is Board Certified in Estate Planning and Probate law and is a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel. He received his undergraduate degree in accounting at The University of Texas at Austin where he graduated first in his class and was named Ernst & Ernst Outstanding Student in Accounting. Blum received his law degree from The University of Texas School of Law where he graduated second in his class and was named the Prentice-Hall Outstanding Student in Taxation.

Blum is a frequent speaker and author on estate planning and tax topics. Among his national recognitions, Blum was quoted in the *Wall Street Journal* for his expertise in estate, business, and tax planning. He was recognized by New York's *Worth* magazine by being named to its prestigious "Nation's Top 100 Attorneys" list, comprising nominations from throughout the United States. He is consistently included on *Texas Monthly's* annual list of "Texas Super Lawyers" -- a list consisting of only five percent of all attorneys in the state -- and has achieved further recognition by *Texas Monthly* for inclusion to their list of "Top 100 Super Lawyers" for the State of Texas. As recent as October, Blum was among a select group of 12 legal professionals honored by the Fort Worth legal community as one of that city's "2010 Power Attorneys," a recognition sponsored by *The Fort Worth Business Press*.

Blum is active in the Fort Worth community, serving in his 31st year as Treasurer of the Fort Worth Symphony. He is a lifetime trustee of Trinity Valley School where he served five years as President of the Board. Blum also served as chairman of The Multicultural Alliance, an organization devoted to fighting bias, bigotry, and racism. He and his wife, Laurie, are the parents of Adam, also a CPA and employed by Austin Ventures in Austin, Texas, and Elizabeth, currently residing in Philadelphia working on her Masters Degree at the University of Pennsylvania.