

DAVID HATEM TO RECEIVE ACEC/MA DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

BOSTON (May 2008) Donovan Hatem LLP is pleased to announce that **David J. Hatem, PC, Founding Partner and Chair of the Professional Practices Group**, has been selected as the 2008 ACEC/Massachusetts Distinguished Service Award honoree in recognition of his longstanding commitment to the association and its member firms. ACEC/MA presents the award only in years in which a candidate distinguishes him or herself through the extraordinary support of the engineering business community. Robin Greenleaf, PE, President of ACEC/Massachusetts, noted “[Y]ou have demonstrated the extraordinary leadership that the Board intended to recognize when it first created this award. . . .Your outstanding commitment to our organization and the many complex business issues facing the engineering business community are indeed shining examples of distinguished service. Your teamwork has helped to keep our engineering business community among the nation’s leaders.”

The ACEC/Massachusetts Distinguished Service Award will be presented to David at the association’s Annual Dinner and Night at the Boston Pops on the evening of June 18, 2008 at the Colonnade Hotel in Boston.

Donovan Hatem is proud of our affiliation with ACEC/Massachusetts, and the recognition the association has bestowed upon our founding partner.

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About ACEC/Massachusetts

The American Council of Engineering Companies of Massachusetts is a trade association dedicated to assisting its members in achieving higher professional, ethical, business, and economic standards to provide quality engineering consulting services for their clients and the public. ACEC/MA is the voice of the engineering industry. ACEC/MA members are the leading engineering firms in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Our member firms range in size from single-employee entrepreneurs to large locally-based firms, the branch offices of national firms and the headquarters of international firms. About one third of our members are small businesses with ten or fewer employees. Founded in 1960, ACEC/MA is affiliated with the Washington, DC-based ACEC, a federation of 52 member organizations, with over 5,000 member firms, employing over 180,000 people, which design more than \$100 billion in capital projects.

About Donovan Hatem LLP

Donovan Hatem LLP is a multi-practice law firm, currently ranked as one of the 25 largest firms in the Boston area. With offices in Boston and New York, we serve a diverse clientele of private companies, nonprofit organizations, government entities, and individuals. Our clients rely on our experience and expertise for focused advice and counsel that can minimize risk and exposure.

The Professional Practices Group at Donovan Hatem includes more than 40 attorneys who provide highly-specialized counsel to engineers, architects, and construction managers. Our experienced trial lawyers represent design professionals in jury and non-jury cases in the northeast and nationwide, and at mediations, arbitrations, and other dispute resolution forums. In addition to professional liability claims defense, Donovan Hatem’s scope of expertise encompasses risk management, contract review, and general business matters.

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