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**Donovan Hatem LLP Announces Attorney Promotions and New Attorney Hire in New York**

**BOSTON, Mass., January 7, 2009** – Donovan Hatem LLP, a multi-practice law firm with offices in Boston and New York, is pleased to announce that **Eric A. Howard** and **Douglas M. Marrano** have been elected partners, effective January 1, 2009. The firm is also pleased to announce that **Matthew P. Tuller** has been promoted to Of Counsel and that **Michelle L. Moshe** has joined the firm's New York office as Of Counsel.

Eric is a member of Donovan Hatem LLP's Business Litigation and Professional Practices Groups and concentrates his practice in the areas of business and construction litigation, primarily representing professionals in complex civil litigation matters, including commercial and construction disputes. He has considerable experience providing claims management services and representing owners, design professionals, contractors, and suppliers in state and federal courts, arbitration tribunals and mediations. He is a regular speaker at seminars regarding construction and commercial law topics. Eric is a graduate of Northeastern University and holds a J.D. from Temple University, James E. Beasley School of Law. He is admitted to practice in Massachusetts and the Federal District Court of Massachusetts.

Doug has been a member of Donovan Hatem LLP's Business Litigation and Professional Practices Groups since 2004 and will be a resident partner in the firm's New York office. He has developed significant experience in the defense of business professionals such as architects, engineers, attorneys and accountants. Doug is a graduate of Boston University and holds a Master's Degree from Boston University College of Communication and a J.D. from Boston University School of Law. He is admitted to practice in Massachusetts, New York and the District of Columbia, as well as in the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts, the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and the United States Supreme Court.

Matt is a member of Donovan Hatem LLP's Professional Practices Group and has handled a wide range of litigation matters, including contractual claims, negligence issues, and close corporation shareholder

disputes. Additionally, he is an experienced appellate attorney who has argued matters in the appellate courts of Connecticut and Massachusetts, including multiple arguments before the Connecticut Supreme Court. Matt is a graduate of Bryant University and holds a J.D. from University of Tulsa. He is admitted to practice in Massachusetts and Connecticut.

Michelle recently joined Donovan Hatem LLP's New York office and is a member of the Professional Practices Group. She has experience handling commercial litigation and insurance defense matters in New York and New Jersey and will continue to focus on construction litigation matters and representing professionals in malpractice, negligence, breach of contract and other tort cases. Michelle previously practiced with the firm of Gogick, Byrne and O'Neill LLP. She is a graduate of Brandeis University and holds a J.D. from Brooklyn Law School, where she received the CALI Excellence for the Future/International Environmental Law Award. She is admitted to practice in New York and New Jersey, as well as in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York and the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

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