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Miami, FL – September 7, 2006 – *Florida Trend* magazine has released its annual Florida Legal Elite list for 2006, recognizing the top 1.8 percent of Florida's 56,000 lawyers. Markowitz, Davis, Ringel & Trusty, P.A. partners Jerry M. Markowitz, Joseph I. Davis, Jr., Thomas Ringel, Candis Trusty and Ross R. Hartog have been named lawyers considered by their peers to be among the top practitioners in Florida.

Jerry M. Markowitz, a resident of South Miami, is one of South Florida's leading business and bankruptcy reorganization law practitioners. A frequent speaker and active community leader, Mr. Markowitz is Secretary of the University of Miami School of Law Alumni Association; a former president of the Bankruptcy Bar Association for the Southern District of Florida, a former Vice Chair of the Florida Bar Association Grievance Committee and a founding sponsor and former President of the Bankruptcy Bar Association for the Southern District of Florida.

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Joseph I. Davis, Jr., a resident of Kendall, is a founding shareholder of the firm since it was established in 1980. He has practiced commercial law continuously in South Florida since 1973, has lectured on problem loans in Florida and has represented significant clients involved in all aspects of corporate, commercial and business transactions. His transactional, litigation and mediation practice is concentrated around financial institutions, commercial and real property lease transactions, real estate brokers and agents, title insurance companies, corporations, shareholder disputes, limited liability companies, limited liability partnerships, business acquisitions, receiverships and secured transactions. Davis' legal affiliations include the Florida Bar Association, American Bar Association, Dade County Bar Association, United States Supreme Court, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. Additionally, Davis has received recognition from the "Put Something Back" Pro Bono Project of the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit for delivery of significant pro bono legal services.

Thomas Ringel, a resident of Palmetto Bay, is a founding shareholder of the firm and specializes in the practice of real estate law. He has significant expertise in residential as well as commercial real estate law. Tom is a member of the 2006 Charter Revision Committee for the Village of Palmetto Bay and the Board of Directors of the University of Miami School of Law Alumni Association. In 2002, he served as Vice Chairperson of the Palmetto Bay Charter Commission. His professional affiliations include admission to the Florida Bar (1976), United States Supreme Court, United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit and the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit and the South Miami-Kendall Bar Association.

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Candis Trusty, a resident of downtown Miami, handles civil and commercial litigation, probate, guardianship and elder law. She frequently lectures on topics related to probate, guardianship and elder law before local business groups, professional organizations, civic groups, schools and corporations. An active community leader, Ms. Trusty is also a lecturer for the "Put Something Back" Oversight Committee of the Florida Bar and a member of the Florida Bar Mentor Pilot Program. She has been recognized with a Proclamation of Appreciation from Dade County's mayor for her pro bono services and she has served on the Alliance for Ethical Government headed by retired Florida Supreme Court Justice Gerald Kogan. Trusty was also the 2004 recipient of the City of Hope's South Florida Business Women Award.

Ross R. Hartog, a resident of Hollywood, is a member of the firm's bankruptcy group where he concentrates on the representation of trustees, creditors, creditors' committees and debtors in cases proceeding under Chapters 7, 11 and 13 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code. His areas of practice include reorganizations and restructuring, insolvency and receivership. Mr. Hartog's professional affiliations include admission to practice before State and Federal courts in Florida and Arizona, including the United States District Court for the Southern and Northern Districts of Florida, the United States District Court for the District of Arizona and the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth and Eleventh Circuits. An active community leader, Mr. Hartog is the President-Elect of the Bankruptcy Bar Association for the Southern District of Florida, a member of the American Bankruptcy Institute, the Dade County Bar Association and the South Miami-Kendall Bar Association.

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He also serves as a mentor in the Bankruptcy Assistance Clinic sponsored by the University of Miami and St. Thomas University Schools of Law and the “Put Something Back” program.

The law firm of Markowitz, Davis, Ringel & Trusty, P.A. focuses on the representation of businesses, institutions and individuals in appeals, bankruptcy and workouts, receiverships, creditors’ rights, mediation-arbitration services, commercial litigation, probate and guardianship, elder law, civil litigation, family and real estate law. *The firm is the proud recipient of the 2004 Gold Medal Award from Miami Today, the 2003 Business of the Year (Professional Services Category) from the South Florida Business Journal and the 2002 Law Firm Commendation Award for pro bono service from the Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court.* For more information on Markowitz, Davis, Ringel & Trusty P.A. and their services, please visit [www.mdrtlaw.com](http://www.mdrtlaw.com).

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