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**MARKOWITZ DAVIS RINGEL & TRUSTY P.A.
AND SIX OF ITS ATTORNEYS
HONORED BY THE 2010 SOUTH FLORIDA LEGAL GUIDE**

Miami, FL, February 4, 2010 – The 2010 South Florida Legal Guide, an annual publication listing the top lawyers and law firms in South Florida, both in private and governmental practice, has bestowed numerous honors upon the civil practice law firm of Markowitz Davis Ringel & Trusty P.A.

Bringing positive recognition to attorneys deemed noteworthy by their peers, the 2010 South Florida Legal Guide listed five partners, Jerry M. Markowitz, Joseph I. Davis, Jr., Thomas Ringel, Candis Trusty, Ross R. Hartog and associate Rachel Lopate Rubio among the “Top Lawyers in South Florida.” *The firm was also recognized as one of the “Top Law Firms in South Florida.”*

Founding partner Jerry M. Markowitz concentrates his practice in the areas of creditors’ and debtors’ rights, including workouts, bankruptcy, asset recovery, insolvency, receiverships, reorganizations, restructuring and mediation. A resident of South Miami, he is one of South Florida’s leading business and bankruptcy reorganization law practitioners and is listed in the directory of Chambers & Partners, the Best Lawyers of America and Super Lawyers in Florida.

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Founding partner Joseph I. Davis, Jr., a resident of Kendall, 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. Davis practices in the areas of litigation, insolvency, receiverships, workouts and corporate law, and is a Florida Supreme Court Certified Civil mediator. Davis was named in the Super Lawyers in Florida list for 2009.

Founding partner Thomas Ringel, a resident of Palmetto Bay, is one of Miami's foremost real estate attorneys, having performed countless residential and commercial real estate closings in South Florida over the last 32 years. Ringel is the former vice chairperson of the Palmetto Bay Charter Commission and a member of the South Miami-Kendall Bar Association. Ringel was also named as one of the Super Lawyers in Florida.

Partner Candis Trusty, a resident of downtown Miami, focuses on the practice of probate guardianship and elder law. An active community leader, Trusty is a frequent lecturer on topics related to probate, guardianship and elder law before local business groups, professional organizations, civic groups, schools and corporations. Additionally, she is widely recognized for her commitment to the elderly and the indigent in the community. In 2008, she was awarded the 'Pro Bono Service Award' by the South Miami-Kendall Bar Association, was named a Super Lawyer in Florida in 2009 and in *The Best Lawyers in America 2009* edition.

Partner Ross R. Hartog, a resident of Hollywood, is a member of the firm's bankruptcy practice group where he practices in the areas of creditors' and debtors' rights, including workouts, bankruptcy, asset recovery, insolvency, receiverships, reorganizations, restructuring and mediation. Hartog is a former president of the Bankruptcy Bar Association of the Southern District of Florida. Hartog is also an adjunct professor of law at Nova Southeastern University school of Law where he teaches an

advanced bankruptcy seminar. He is admitted to practice before State and Federal courts in Florida and Arizona including the United States District Court for the Southern District 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. Hartog was named in the Super Lawyers in Florida list for 2009 and in *The Best Lawyers in America 2009* edition.

Associate Rachel Lopate Rubio, a resident of South Miami, is a member of the firm's bankruptcy practice group where she concentrates on the areas of creditors' and debtor rights, including workouts, bankruptcy, asset recovery, insolvency, receiverships, reorganizations, restructuring and mediation, as well as assignments for the benefit of creditors. She is admitted to practice before the Southern, Middle and Northern Districts of Florida. She was also recognized as a Super Lawyer in Florida in 2009.

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, 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.

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