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**BANKRUPTCY ATTORNEY JERRY M. MARKOWITZ
NAMED ONE OF THE BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA**

Miami, FL – December 16, 2004 – Bankruptcy Attorney, Jerry M. Markowitz, a founding shareholder of the law firm of Markowitz, Davis, Ringel & Trusty P.A., has been selected by his peers for *The Best Lawyers in America 2005-2006 edition*, the definitive guide to legal excellence in the United States, for the fourth consecutive two-year period.

The 11th edition of *Best Lawyers* is based on an exhaustive peer-review survey in which 16,000 leading attorneys throughout the country cast more than half a million “votes” on the legal abilities of other lawyers in their specialties. Inclusion in *Best Lawyers* is considered a singular honor. Mr. Markowitz is one of 801 Florida attorneys to have been listed.

Mr. Markowitz concentrates his practice in the areas of creditors and debtor 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. A frequent speaker and active community leader, Mr. Markowitz is a Director 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 founding

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member and treasurer of the Florida Receiver's Forum, a former Vice Chair of the Florida Bar Association Grievance Committee and a founding sponsor of the Bankruptcy Bar Foundation of the Southern District of Florida.

His professional affiliations include Chairman and Co-Chairman, Continuing Legal Education Committee for the University of Miami Bankruptcy Skills Workshop since 1990 and 2003 Co-Chair of the University of Miami Bankruptcy Bar Annual CLE Seminar. He received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of Florida's College of Business and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Miami School of Law.

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 Award (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, please visit www.mdrtlaw.com.

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