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Abbott Nicholson Recertified as Member of Global Legal Network
International Connections Allow Local Law Firm to Generate
Business and Compete With Larger Firms

(Detroit, Mich. – August 28, 2007) – Detroit law firm Abbott Nicholson, P.C. was recently recertified as a member of Meritas, a closely integrated, international group of full-service law firms that provide business clients with worldwide access to comprehensive legal services.

Abbott Nicholson is a full service corporate law firm with 24 lawyers in its Detroit office. In an increasingly global economy, Meritas allows Abbott Nicholson to offer more comprehensive services to its clients and to compete against bigger firms with more resources.

Membership in Meritas is by invitation only, with only one firm admitted in each selected geographic marketplace. Abbott Nicholson is the only law firm in southeast Michigan that is a member. Members are ranked among the top firms in most cities.

As part of its drive to ensure continued high caliber legal services among its nearly 200 member firms worldwide, Meritas requires firms to undergo a periodic recertification process.

“Members must prove that they meet high standards just to be admitted, but those who don’t pass recertification, don’t remain members,” said William Gilbride, Managing Partner of Abbott Nicholson. “You’re not given a passing grade on a de facto basis; every firm must re-earn its membership by proving it continues to adhere to Meritas’ high quality standards.”

The recertification process examines such factors as adherence to rigorous standards set by clients, the timeliness and quality of a firm’s client service and its professional conduct.

“For our firm, Meritas’ recertification process gives us a framework to continually monitor and address the quality of our services,” said Gilbride. “That alone is valuable to clients, but our membership in Meritas also means we can provide clients – from the smallest business to the largest corporations – with access to legal expertise in all parts of the globe. It gives us an opportunity to level the playing field and compete with bigger firms.”

Abbott Nicholson, P.C. is a Detroit-based law firm dedicated to solving the legal, tax, and business issues confronting corporations, public entities, entrepreneurs, and individuals. For more information, visit www.anqey.com.

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