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Bannister & Wyatt Announces Jim Bannister has achieved Board Certification through NBTA

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Greenville, S.C. (January 16, 2008) – The National Board of Trial Advocacy (NBTA) is pleased to announce that Jim Bannister, of Bannister & Wyatt law firm, has successfully achieved Board Certification as a Criminal Trial Advocate through NBTA. Bannister joins a growing number of trial attorneys that have illustrated their commitment to bettering the legal profession by successfully completing a challenging application process to provide the consumer of legal services with an objective measure by which to choose qualified and experienced legal counsel.

The elaborate screening of credentials that all NBTA board certified attorneys must successfully complete includes; documentation of trial experience, judicial and peer references, documentation of participation in continuing legal education, evaluation of legal writing skills, report of all disciplinary matters brought before any official body, either public or confidential, for scrutiny by the NBTA Standards Committee, and the completion of a day long examination. NBTA members maintain active trial practices and are required to report their disciplinary status annually. Achieving NBTA certification confirms that Bannister has exhibited a higher standard of professional conduct.

Bannister graduated from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 1995 and focuses his practice on Criminal Law. In 1995, he was admitted to the practice of law in South Carolina. In 2000, he was named in Greenville Magazine as one of the Best and Brightest under 35. He is a member of the South Carolina Bar, Federal Bar Association, National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, South Carolina Criminal Defense Lawyers Association (President 2004), and the Greenville Criminal Defense Lawyers Association. In 2004, he received the Young Lawyer of the Year Award for S.C. from the American Board of Trial Advocates. This year he was named in the Best Lawyer's in America for white-collar criminal defense and non-white collar criminal defense.

Founded in 1977, the NBTA filled a substantial void in the legal profession by creating the first attorney certification program. NBTA was formed out of a strong conviction that both the law profession and its clients would benefit from an organization designed specifically to create an objective set of standards illustrating an attorney's experience and expertise in the practice of trial law. Bannister has successfully demonstrated a shared conviction through the completion of NBTA's rigorous application process.

Since 1976, Bannister & Wyatt has been dedicated to providing the highest quality legal counsel and advice to clients. Bannister & Wyatt's skilled, experienced and aggressive team of attorneys specializes in Criminal Defense, Commercial Real Estate and Family Law. Recognized and regarded as a top law firm throughout the Southeast, Bannister & Wyatt has the experience to solve complex legal problems that affect you and your family.

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