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Oscar W. Bannister Nominated to 2008 *Best Lawyers in America* List

Greenville, S.C. (January 8, 2008) - Oscar W. Bannister, founder and partner at Bannister & Wyatt law firm, was recently listed in the 2008 *Best Lawyers in America* for Criminal Defense in White Collar Crimes. For the past 17 years, Bannister has earned a listing in *Best Lawyers in America*.

Mr. Bannister is a member of the Greenville County, South Carolina and Federal Bar Associations. He is also a member of the South Carolina Trial Lawyers Association, the South Carolina Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and the Association of Trial Lawyers of America. Bannister is LexisNexis Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Rated as well.

The *Best Lawyers in America* list highlights outstanding attorneys by conducting exhaustive peer-review surveys in which thousands of leading lawyers evaluate their peers. Because lawyers are not allowed to pay a fee to be included, a listing in *Best Lawyers* is widely regarded within the legal profession as an honor. For 25 years, *Best Lawyers* lists have earned the respect of the profession, the media and the public, as the most reliable, unbiased source of legal referrals anywhere.

Born in Union, S.C., Mr. Bannister graduated from The Citadel in 1962 and attended the University of South Carolina School of Law, where he received his J.D. in 1969. Bannister was admitted to the South Carolina Bar, the U.S. District Court and Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals in 1969. He focuses his practice on White Collar Crime, Criminal Taxation, Civil Practice, Divorce, Fire Loss, Litigation, RICO, Internet Crimes, Drugs and Narcotics, Tax Evasion, Tax Fraud and Criminal Tax Audits.

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.

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