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TAMPA, FL – Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP is pleased to announce that Gregory C. Yadley, partner in the Tampa office, played a major role at the Securities and Exchange Commission's November 18 forum on small business capital formation at the Washington, D.C., headquarters. In addition to participating with Thomas J. Kim, Chief Counsel, SEC Division of Corporation Finance, and other senior SEC officials on two panels regarding the new provisions of the Dodd-Frank Act, Mr. Yadley was the Moderator of one of the Forum's three Breakout Groups (dealing with the "Private Placement and M&A Brokers"), Mr. Yadley also oversaw the afternoon's Plenary Session to develop the final Forum report to the SEC Commissioners.

Mr. Yadley has extensive experience representing business entities of all sizes, including closely-held and family businesses and large and small public companies. He regularly represents these clients in financing transactions, mergers and acquisitions, contract negotiations and disputes, strategic planning, legal compliance and general corporate matters. He also has extensive experience in securities matters, including advising clients with regard to their private and public offerings of securities (including initial public offerings) and their ongoing disclosure obligations.

Mr. Yadley was also named to *America's Leading Lawyers for Business*©, 2003 – 2010, Chambers and Partners; *Florida Legal Elite*©, 2004 – 2010, *Florida Trend* Magazine (top 1.6% of Florida lawyers); *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Corporate Law, 2005 – 2010 (2008 by Woodward/White, Inc., Aiken, SC); *Florida Super Lawyer*, and *Florida Top 100 Lawyer*, 2006 – 2009; *Tampa Bay's Best Lawyers*, 2009 and 2008; and *20 Most Influential Lawyers in Tampa Bay 2005*, *Tampa Bay Business Journal*. Mr. Yadley, a member of the Florida Bar and District of Columbia Bar Associations, is AV® Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell. He is a member of the American Bar Association where he has had leadership roles in the Small Business and Federal Regulation of Securities Committees and is Chair of the Subcommittee on Small Business Issuers and Co-Chair of the Task Force on Private Placement Broker-Dealers. Mr. Yadley is a member of the Florida Bar and District of Columbia Bar Associations. He is the past Chairman of the Florida Bar's Business Law Section (and former Chair of the Corporations and Securities Committee), and has been a member of that Section's Executive Counsel since 1984. In addition, Mr. Yadley is an Adjunct Professor at the University of Florida Law School. Chair of Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick's Corporate Practice Group in Tampa, Mr. Yadley also serves as a board member (former President) of the University Club of Tampa, and as a member of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee of The Florida Orchestra. He has served as Chairman of Tampa Bay & Company, the Hillsborough County Arts Council, the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Tampa Alumni, City of Tampa Public Art Committee, Tampa Bay Business Committee for the Arts, Inc., and the Dartmouth Club of Tampa Bay.

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