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**GREER & WALKER, LLP ANNOUNCES NEW
VENTURE**

**Greer & Walker Corporate Finance, LLC Bridges Previous Gap In Service Delivery to Closely-held
Businesses**

Charlotte, N.C. (October 8, 2008)—Charles Greer and Kevin Walker, partners and co-founders of Greer & Walker, LLP, Charlotte's largest locally-owned public accounting firm, announced the formation of Greer & Walker Corporate Finance, LLC, an exit planning and investment banking firm that will be focused on management succession and wealth transfer for closely-held businesses.

Local investment banking and exit planning veterans Jay Carter and Gary Parker of Corporate Finance Associates will join the new entity as Principals and Managing Directors along with Greer & Walker Partner, John Norman.

According to Walker, "Currently, Greer & Walker, LLP serves as a trusted advisor to our middle-market client base during the active ownership and growth phase of the business life cycle. The new range of services offered by Greer & Walker Corporate Finance, LLC will now allow us to extend our trusted advisor role into the exit planning and sale of business phases, bridging the previous gap between services offered by Greer & Walker, LLP and our affiliated asset management firm, Greer & Walker Investment Advisors LLC."

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According to Carter, "For our clients, the new service provides a comprehensive, integrated approach to exit planning and implementation. We have found that business owners who begin planning well in advance of the sale or recapitalization of their business often receive higher valuations, pay less in taxes, and increase the chances for a satisfactory outcome. It's a natural extension of our existing practice and one that I think will become increasingly important to our clients."

Carter has more than 20 years experience providing corporate finance, merger and acquisition and financial services to middle-market companies and their owners. He currently serves as director for Corporate Finance Associates, Inc. and Charlotte-based T-Square, Inc. Carter is a graduate of the University of Colorado with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Finance.

Parker is a 20-year career professional in business valuation, banking and consulting services. He has earned the CFA designation and holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from the University of Florida and a Master of Business Administration Degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Norman is a CPA and career tax professional in the areas of international services, business taxation, mergers and acquisitions, manufacturing and distribution. He graduated from the University of South Carolina in 1987 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration and received his Master of Taxation Degree in 1990.

Founded in Charlotte in 1984, Greer & Walker, LLP provides audit, accounting, tax and business advisory services to a diversified client base of middle-market companies and not-for-profit organizations with operations throughout the Carolinas and around the world. For more information about the firm, call 704.377.0239 or visit the Greer & Walker, LLP website at www.greerwalker.com.

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