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JAMES T. SHEARIN RECEIVES JOHN ELDRED SHIELDS PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AWARD FROM CONNECTICUT BAR ASSOCIATION

BRIDGEPORT, CT, June 15, 2009: James T. “Tim” Shearin, an attorney with Pullman & Comley, LLC in Bridgeport, has received the John Eldred Shields Professional Service Award from the Connecticut Bar Association (CBA), the law firm announced today.

“This is a very prestigious award, which recognizes a record of outstanding service to the legal profession, the members of the Connecticut Bar Association and the greater community,” said D. Robert Morris, chairman of Pullman & Comley. “We are very proud of Tim. He represents the best of the legal profession and he has contributed to our community in countless ways.”

The CBA gives the John Eldred Shields Professional Service Award to a member who has performed outstanding service over a period of years through or on behalf of the CBA. Tim was presented the award at the CBA’s annual meeting on June 8, 2009, at the Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford.

Tim is a member of the firm’s Executive Committee and chair of the Litigation Department. He has wide-ranging experience in state and federal courts, at both the trial and appellate levels, and

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before arbitration and mediation panels. He represents clients in the areas of commercial, intellectual property, banking, securities, antitrust, civil rights, Internet piracy and computer crimes, products liability and general civil litigation.

He is past chairman of both the Connecticut Legal Services Corp. and the University of Connecticut Law School Foundation, Inc.; past president of the University of Connecticut Law School Alumni Association, Inc.; a director of the American Red Cross; a graduate of the Bridgeport Regional Business Council's Leadership Program and a past member of the Council's board of directors. He is active in state and local politics and is past chairperson of the Weston Democratic Town Committee.

Tim was appointed as co-counsel to the Federal Grievance Committee by the Judges of the U.S. District Court in 1997 and served until 2003. He is a member of the Executive Committees of the Federal Practice (former co-chairman) and Intellectual Property Sections of and delegate to the Connecticut Bar Association, (serving on its Audit, Nominating, Legal Services for the Poor, and Federal Judiciary standing and ad hoc committees). Tim is a bencher of the Raymond Baldwin Inns of Court (former secretary and vice president) and a director of the Connecticut Bar Foundation. He is also a member of the Greater Bridgeport Bar Association (past president), the American Bar Association, American Intellectual Property Law Association, the Federal Circuit Bar Association and the Federal Bar Council. Tim serves as a Superior Court attorney

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trial referee and arbitrator, a special master in Federal Court, and as a private arbitrator and mediator.

Tim is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* and *Chambers USA, America's Leading Lawyers to Businesses*. He graduated, *summa cum laude*, from the University of Connecticut in 1983 as an Honors scholar with a B.A. in liberal arts. He received his J.D., with High Honors, from the University of Connecticut School of Law in 1986, where he was administrative editor of the *Connecticut Law Review*. Prior to joining Pullman & Comley in 1988, he was a law clerk for U.S. District Court Judge Peter C. Dorsey from 1986 to 1988.

Pullman & Comley, LLC provides a wide range of legal services to clients in the New England region, as well as throughout the United States and internationally. In addition to litigation, the firm's major practice areas include business enterprises, health care, public and commercial finance, property valuation, real estate and environmental, and trusts and estates. The firm has offices in Bridgeport, Hartford, Stamford, Westport and White Plains. For more information, please visit www.pullcom.com.

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