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**McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter Announces Merger Complete
with Pepe & Hazard**

Third Largest Law Firm in New Jersey to Expand into New England

MORRISTOWN, NJ – MAY 3, 2010 – McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter, LLP, one of the premier law firms in New Jersey, and Pepe & Hazard, LLP, one of the most highly respected law firms in New England, today announced that both firms have merged, effective May 1, 2010. The merged firm will operate under the name McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter, LLP (MDM&C).

MDM&C, with more than 240 attorneys, is ranked as the third largest law firm in the state and, with the merger with Pepe & Hazard, will expand to nearly 300 attorneys. Currently, MDM&C has offices in Morristown, Newark and Ridgewood, NJ, and in New York City, Philadelphia and Colorado. Pepe & Hazard has offices in Hartford and Fairfield, CT, and in Boston.

“The completion of this merger provides us with the opportunity to serve clients from Philadelphia to Boston in a wide range of practice areas including surety and construction, commercial litigation, labor and employment, insurance industry, corporate, and financial markets,” said Edward Deutsch, managing partner of MDM&C.

Lou Pepe, of Pepe & Hazard commented, “This is a solid pairing for both firms. The partnership has already yielded increased interest in the firm, and new business as well. Several clients have recognized the benefits of the merger with a broader geographic reach and a greatly expanded team of legal talent .”

About McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter, LLP

Currently the third largest law firm headquartered in New Jersey, MDM&C continues to grow because of our philosophy of Placing the Client First. We do not stop at the simple solution. It is the difference between lawyers who are simply good and those who are gifted. In this era of rapid change, our lawyers readily adapt to changes in circumstances – providing clients with the critical edge they need to achieve their legal and business objectives. Please visit www.mdmc-law.com for more information.

About Pepe & Hazard LLP

Pepe & Hazard LLP is a regional law firm, practicing primarily in the areas of general litigation, construction and business law. For more than 25 years, the Firm has served clients nationally and internationally; operating out of offices in Hartford and Southport, Connecticut and Boston, Massachusetts. Its wholly owned subsidiary, Integrated Project Solutions LLC, specializes in electronic discovery, document management, electronic records storage and imaged documents. Please visit www.pepehazard.com for more information.

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