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GREENBERG TRAURIG GAINS SKILLED CORPORATE LAWYER WITH EXPERTISE IN CORPORATE, COMMERCIAL AND MUNICIPAL FINANCE, REAL ESTATE SYNDICATION AND SECURITIES OFFERINGS

LOS ANGELES -- William Mark Levinson, a respected corporate and financial transactions attorney with expertise in securities and real estate matters, has joined Greenberg Traurig LLP's Los Angeles office as a shareholder in its corporate and securities practice. Levinson has more than 23 years of experience and is routinely called upon to negotiate, document, and consummate a variety of private and public offerings of debt and equity securities, real estate acquisitions and syndications, municipal financings and investment banking and private equity investments. Mark has broad expertise as bond, underwriter's and trustee's counsel and has provided counsel on many defaulted securities offerings. His real estate acquisition, acquisition financing and securities expertise has placed him on the leading edge of developments in the expanding tenant-in-common (TIC) real estate syndication industry.

"TIC real estate syndication was a \$4 billion high-growth industry in 2006. Mark brings broad corporate, securities, transaction finance and real estate expertise to the firm in this highly specialized area. Mark will be invaluable in growing our client base," noted Thomas Loo, co-managing shareholder of Greenberg Traurig's Los Angeles office. "Furthermore, Mark's expertise in representing financial institutions, municipalities, higher education institutions, redevelopment agencies and other government authorities in complex financings integrates well with our national public finance practice."

Levinson also provides counsel to public and mid-market companies on securities compliance and corporate governance issues and assists financial institutions, borrowers and others in developing and implementing effective responses to securities default and loan default matters. His clients include national underwriters, financial institutions, corporate entities, real estate syndicators, municipal issuers and educational institutions including Wedbush Morgan Securities and Deutsche Bank National Trust Company.

"I am fortunate to have found a group of extremely talented attorneys with whom I share a business and entrepreneurial spirit. The decision to join Greenberg Traurig is a perfect complement for my practice and a good culture fit. The firm's multiple locations with more than 1600 lawyers (105 in the LA office alone) and practice depth and breadth has proved, from my first day at the firm, to be of

immediate value to my clients from California to New York and the Mid-Atlantic.” said Levinson.

Prior to joining Greenberg Traurig, Levinson was a partner at Alschuler Grossman Stein & Kahan. Prior to that he was a partner at Luce, Forward, Hamilton & Scripps, LLP. He is a member of the Tenant-in-Common Association, the National Association of Bond Lawyers, the Association for Corporate Growth, the Los Angeles Venture Association and the Los Angeles Business Counsel, to name a few. He obtained his law degree from Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law at Yeshiva University in New York and received his bachelor’s degree from Brandeis University, in Waltham, Massachusetts.

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