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**Managing Partner of Shughart Thomson & Kilroy (Phoenix)
Elected Vice Chair of Mackrell International**

Marty Harper to help lead one of world's major networks of independent law firms

(May 14, 2007) PHOENIX – The Shughart Thomson & Kilroy Board of Directors is proud to announce today that Marty Harper, managing partner of the firm's Phoenix office, has been elected vice chair of Mackrell International, one of the world's major networks of independent law firms.

"This is a tremendous honor," said Harper. "Mackrell is a distinguished organization made up of elite law firms from around the world. Being elected to leadership in this organization is a privilege."

Founded in 1987, Mackrell International is a network of medium-sized law firms in major jurisdictions that are dedicated to client satisfaction. Currently, there are more than 55 firms in 80 locations on five continents.

Harper, a Phoenix resident, will serve a one-year term as vice chair before he is appointed to serve as chair of the international organization in May 2008. As vice chair, he will work closely with the organization's chair to coordinate regional meetings and develop relationships and referral networks for members.

"The clients of Shughart Thomson & Kilroy have benefited greatly from our association with the extensive legal talent available worldwide through Mackrell. I believe my role as vice chair will strengthen our relationship with the entire organization,," said Harper.

As managing partner of Shughart Thomson & Kilroy's Phoenix office, Harper focuses his practice on business litigation, employment law and construction law. He has more than 30 years experience as a civil litigator and serves as vice chair of the firm's business litigation group. Harper is also a member of the firm's board of directors.

Harper's vice chair announcement came May 10 at the Mackrell International Annual General Meeting, where he was selected by representatives of Mackrell International regions throughout the Americas. This conference, which is being hosted by SES Schlutius Eulitz Schrader, is taking place May 9 -13 in Berlin, Germany.

Harper is available for interviews after May 17 to discuss his recent appointment as vice chair, as well as AGM conference details. For more information or to schedule an interview, please contact Andrea Aker, of WalshCOMM, at (602) 957-9779 or aaker@walshcomm.com.

About Shughart Thomson & Kilroy, P.C.

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