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Firm Welcomes New Partners, Reorganizes as Thomas, Long, Niesen & Kennard

Thomas, Thomas, Armstrong & Niesen Proud to Introduce New Attorneys, New Name

HARRISBURG, Pa. -- April 22, 2008 -- Thomas, Long, Niesen & Kennard is excited to announce its new name and the addition of two distinguished partners to its practice -- Robert H. Long, Jr., Esq. and Norman J. Kennard, Esq. The firm was formerly named Thomas, Thomas, Armstrong & Niesen. Long and Kennard are two of Pennsylvania's leading practitioners in corporate, municipal finance, telecommunications, energy, gaming and professional licensing law.

"Our goal is to expand and diversify our existing legal practice. We are extremely pleased to welcome Bob and Norm in this effort. The expertise they bring to the table will be invaluable to our current and future clients," said Charles E. Thomas, Jr., one of the firm's managing partners. "Both are consummate professionals who are highly regarded within the legal community. We look forward to many successful years together."

Bob Long, has been a prominent municipal bond attorney working from Harrisburg in a state-wide practice serving as lead counsel in financings involving school districts, authorities and other state and local government bodies. A co-draftsman of the Local Government Unit Debt Act, Long has lectured on municipal finance law for the Pennsylvania Bar Institute and numerous other organizations.

Long graduated from the Dickinson School of Law, where he was an editor of the *Dickinson Law Review*. He is admitted to practice in Pennsylvania and Florida, in the United States Supreme Court, the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, and the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania. Long holds membership in the American (including Tax Section), Pennsylvania, Florida and Dauphin County Bar Associations, the National and Pennsylvania Associations of Bond Lawyers, and the American Judicature Society.

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Norm Kennard has been practicing regulatory law in Pennsylvania since 1979, with particular emphasis in public utility, telecommunications, energy, gaming, professional licensure and other areas of governmental oversight and regulation. He has broad experience before Pennsylvania's administrative agencies as well as the Commonwealth and other appellate courts. Kennard advises and represents all types of utility service providers in rate, service and market-entry related issues and is counsel to the Pennsylvania Telephone Association and numerous local exchange telecommunications corporations.

Kennard has been involved in every major rulemaking and generic docket before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission affecting the communications industry in the past 20 years and has represented energy distribution companies, energy producers, and end-users in a wide variety of issues. He holds memberships in the Pennsylvania and Dauphin County Bar Associations and is admitted to practice in Pennsylvania and the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania. He is a graduate of the Franklin Pierce Law Center.

About Thomas, Long, Niesen & Kennard

Thomas, Long, Niesen & Kennard is a full-service Harrisburg-based law firm carefully crafted to meet all of the legal challenges facing privately-owned and municipal clients. The firm's attorneys are leading practitioners in corporate, municipal finance, public utility, gaming, commercial litigation, fidelity/surety and construction law, as well as securities regulation, products liability, estate planning and trusts, mergers and acquisitions, general civil litigation and appellate practice.