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Hunton & Williams LLP's Melinda Beres Named One of Charlotte's "50 Most Influential Women"

Hunton & Williams LLP is pleased to announce that Melinda R. Beres, partner in the Charlotte office, has been selected to receive the "50 Most Influential Women Award." Each year, *The Mecklenburg Times* and local business leaders choose 50 honorees based on their professional achievement and community involvement.

As a leader in the corporate and finance practice, Beres focuses on asset securitization. She works with multi-billion dollar clients to structure and negotiate financings, and advises U.S. and non-U.S. issuers and underwriters on IPOs, venture capital investments and takeovers. Most recently, Beres was chosen to brief congressional staffers on recent legislation regarding the role of securitizations in financial transactions.

Beres has co-chaired the Hunton & Williams Charlotte Women's Networking Forum Committee since 2005, providing women with networking and professional development opportunities to support the advancement of female leadership. She is heavily involved with the office's pro bono efforts, providing legal assistance and mentoring to battered women. As a leader of the office's recruiting efforts, Beres has twice co-chaired the summer associate program. Her leadership efforts led *American Lawyer* magazine to rank the program as the second best in Charlotte in 2007. Additionally, Beres was recently named as a "Rising Star" in the *North Carolina Super Lawyers* guide.

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