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## Sodexo Inc. Names Hunton & Williams LLP One of Four 2008 Law Department Diversity Leaders

Hunton & Williams LLP is pleased to announce that it has been recognized as a 2008 Diversity Leader by Sodexo Inc., a leading foodservice and facilities management company. Hunton & Williams is one of only four law firms to earn this first annual distinction from Sodexo.

The Diversity Leader recognition is part of the Sodexo Law Department Outside Counsel Diversity Initiative, which exemplifies the Sodexo legal team's commitment to advocate strongly for the increased usage of minority and women-owned firms and the expanded hiring, retention and promotion of diverse counsel within all other law firms that serve Sodexo.

"We are so honored that a leading company such as Sodexo has recognized how much we value diversity and are committed to taking the steps necessary to recruit, retain and promote minorities and women within the firm," said Hunton & Williams Managing Partner Wally Martinez. "This is something that is an integral part of who we are now and how much stronger we will be in the future."

Hunton & Williams was chosen as a Diversity Leader based on the firm's expansive diversity policies and programs and its employment of a diverse professional legal staff. In addition to a comprehensive Equal Opportunity Employment, Anti-Discrimination and Affirmative Action policy, Hunton & Williams has a strong policy against harassment and conducts extensive training to ensure lawyers and staff are aware of the policy and the reporting procedure for seeking corrective action. A 27-member Diversity Committee, which reports directly to the firm's managing partner, oversees Hunton & Williams' diversity efforts.

Sodexo General Counsel Robert Stern said, "Diversity and inclusion at Sodexo is a critical component of our business strategy. We've structured our unique Outside Counsel Diversity Initiative to focus on growing our business with those law firms that best reflect Sodexo's values."

For more information on Hunton & Williams' diversity programs, please <u>click here</u>.

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