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NAMED 2009 “BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA”**

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**Coral Gables and Fort Lauderdale, FL – January 22, 2009** – Five partners from the law firm of Adorno and Yoss - Irwin J. Block, Martin J. Nash, Neil S. Rollnick, Robert A. Schatzman, and Michael L. Trop - have been selected by their peers for *The Best Lawyers in America 2009 edition*, the definitive guide to legal excellence in the United States.

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Irwin J. Block is a Partner in the Firm’s Coral Gables office and a senior litigator. A resident of Boynton Beach, his primary areas of practice include complex commercial litigation, family law, probate and trust litigation, and white collar criminal cases. Block is also a Circuit Civil Mediator, Arbitrator, Umpire and Special Master. A past President of the Dade County Bar Association, Block received his Juris Doctor from the University of Miami School of Law.

Martin J. Nash, Partner in the Firm’s Coral Gables office, concentrates his practice in Tax Law. Having over 45 years of experience, he specializes in various aspects of income and estate

tax planning. A resident of Miami Beach, Nash is a member of the South Florida Tax Litigation Association, the Estate Planning Council of Greater Miami, and past President of the Greater Miami Tax Institute. He is a recipient of the Gerald T. Hart award from the Tax Section of the Bar as the Outstanding Tax Attorney of the Year 2000/2001. Nash received his Juris Doctor from the University of Miami School of Law.

Neil S. Rollnick, a resident of Pinecrest, is a Partner and Chair of the Firm's Real Estate Practice Group in Coral Gables. He represents clients in commercial real estate and asset based institutional loans, real estate transactions, corporate and partnership transactions, and business matters. Rollnick has more than 40 years of experience and maintains an AV rating from Martindale-Hubbell. Active in the community, he is a member of the University of Miami Citizens Board and Founder of Mt. Sinai Hospital. Rollnick received his Juris Doctor from the University of Miami School of Law.

Robert A. Schatzman, Chair of the Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights Department, is a Partner in the Firm's Coral Gables office. He has practiced Business Bankruptcy Chapter 11 and out-of-court workout and restructuring law for more than 30 years. A resident of Pinecrest, Schatzman is a past President of Bankruptcy Bar Association for the Southern District of Florida, and a past President of Temple Beth Am. He is also a recipient of the distinguished President's Cup Award from the Commercial Law League of America. Schatzman received his Juris Doctor from the University of Miami School of Law.

Michael L. Trop is a Partner in the Firm's Fort Lauderdale office, and concentrates his practice in tax planning, trusts and estate planning, estate administration and probate litigation. A resident of Plantation, he is active in the community and a frequent lecturer at seminars sponsored for attorneys, accountants and other financial professionals. Trop received his Juris Doctor and L.L.M. in Taxation from New York University School of Law.

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