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**LITIGATION ATTORNEY JEFFREY BACKMAN NAMED PARTNER IN
THE FORT LAUDERDALE OFFICE OF ADORNO & YOSS**

Fort Lauderdale, FL –January 28, 2009 –Adorno & Yoss LLP, the nation’s largest, certified minority-owned law firm, has promoted Litigation attorney Jeffrey Backman to Partner in the firm’s Fort Lauderdale office. He was previously an Associate.

“Jeffrey Backman is an outstanding attorney that has made numerous contributions to our Firm and to the Fort Lauderdale community. We are pleased to welcome him as a Partner,” said Jan Douglas Atlas, Partner in the Firm’s Fort Lauderdale office.

Backman’s primary areas of practice include securities and commercial litigation. An active community leader, he was named Man of the Year in 2007 by The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society for his extensive fundraising efforts and volunteer contributions to the organization. Backman is on the Board of Trustees of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, a member of Leadership Broward Class XXVII, and a member of the B’nai B’rith Justice Unit’s Executive Board of Directors. In 2008, Backman was named a “Top Up & Comer” by Florida Trend’s Legal Elite. He is also a member of the Young Lawyers Section of the Broward County Bar Association and a member of The Florida Bar. A resident of Coral Springs, Backman holds a Juris Doctorate from Nova Southeastern University and a Bachelor of Arts from Florida Atlantic University. He is admitted to practice in all of the Federal Courts in Florida.

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