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## Charleston Office Expands with Hagood, Kerr, Settle and Wilkie

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Moore & Van Allen, PLLC is pleased to announce that effective January 1, 2012, all four shareholders of Hagood & Kerr, PA, Ben Hagood, Rob Kerr, Beth Settle and Wendy Wilkie, will be joining Moore & Van Allen as members in the firm's Charleston, South Carolina office. Also, joining Moore & Van Allen will be several other attorneys from Hagood & Kerr along with all of their paralegals, legal assistants and office manager.

"We look forward to serving our collective clients with greater resources and expertise. We are very excited to join our legal colleagues that we have known for many years at Moore & Van Allen. Moore & Van Allen established its office here in 1997. It was the first North Carolina firm to establish a large office in Charleston", according to Hagood & Kerr's Ben Hagood.

According to Don Meyer, managing member of Moore & Van Allen's Charleston office, "we know that these lawyers are skilled in their respective primary legal practice areas. Their practice areas include environmental, bankruptcy/creditor's rights, immigration, employment and labor, complex transactions, and governmental affairs which will supplement nicely our existing practice areas and expand our ability to meet our clients' needs throughout the country. We believe with this affiliation our new lawyers will benefit professionally and personally with the resources offered by a large regional law firm."

Moore & Van Allen will also be relocating its office to the heart of downtown Charleston and expects to announce its relocation plans in the immediate future. The firm will employ approximately 75 individuals as of the first of the year and will lease over 25,000 square feet of space in its new location. The firm believes that its relocation will enhance the quality of life of its employees, who will now be in the center of the revitalized downtown dining, shopping and professional service district. Meyer states that, "it is important that our firm contribute to the economy of our downtown community and joining the 'business and retail neighborhood' is something we are anxious to do." As of the new year, and until the planned relocation, all lawyers and staff of Hagood & Kerr will be relocating to the Moore & Van Allen office at 40 Calhoun Street from the current Hagood & Kerr office in Mt. Pleasant.

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