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**LONG-STANDING PARTNER OF MILLER THOMSON RECOGNIZED FOR
COMMITMENT AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO MARKHAM**

November 20, 2009 (TORONTO) – Miller Thomson LLP is proud to announce that **Judson D. Whiteside**, Partner of Miller Thomson's Business Law Group, was recognized yesterday as one of Markham's Masters of Business by the Markham Board of Trade.

Mr. Whiteside was the 2009 recipient of the *Anthony Roman Award* which recognizes an individual who reflects the spirit and contribution to community that is attributed to the late Anthony Roman – successful businessman and long-serving Markham mayor.

Markham mayor Frank Scarpitti presented the award at the Markham Board of Trade's 19th Annual Black Tie Gala. The mayor acknowledged Mr. Whiteside's contributions including his efforts to increase the profile of Miller Thomson in Markham and nationally; his commitment to the Markham Stouffville Hospital Foundation of which he is the Chair and currently spearheading a \$50 million fundraising campaign to double the size of the hospital; his fundraising efforts as a member of the capital campaign committee that raised the money to build a YMCA in Markham; his founding membership of the York Technology Association; and his commitment to education as a member of the Board of Holy Trinity School.

"This is a well-deserved award and we are proud that one of our lawyers has been recognized for his commitment to the community. Jud embodies passion and dedication and it's his unshakable determination that drives projects through to fruition, whether business or community related," says Gerald Courage, Chair of Miller Thomson.

About Judson Whiteside

Judson Whiteside is a partner in the Business Law Group of Miller Thomson LLP in Markham. He served as the Chair of Miller Thomson LLP between 1992 and 2007. He has been a resident of Markham for 30 years where he lives with his wife Susan and where they raised their two children. Mr. Whiteside's extensive experience spans a wide range of corporate and commercial law, and includes special expertise in direct sales law, sports law and computer law. He acts for a diverse group of clients, ranging from major financial institutions and corporations to small, owner-operated service and manufacturing companies. He has substantive experience in all aspects of general commercial law, and consults regularly with clients who require input on day to day business decisions, in addition to major transactions and business initiatives.

About Miller Thomson LLP

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