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## AMERICAN COLLEGE OF EMPLOYEE BENEFITS COUNSEL HONORS NATION'S TOP BENEFITS ATTORNEYS

### Prestigious Law College Selects 17 Top Attorneys as Fellows

New Orleans, LA, September 2008 -- The American College of Employee Benefits Counsel honored as new Fellows 17 employee benefits attorneys selected from throughout the country at its Ninth Annual Induction Dinner on September 27, 2008.

Induction as a Fellow of this organization is viewed as a national distinction. Each nominee is required to have focused on employee benefits law for at least 20 years and to have demonstrated a sustained commitment to public awareness and understanding of benefits laws through such activities as writing, speaking, public policy analysis, public education or public service. Nominees are also required to have provided exceptionally high-quality professional services to clients, the bar, and the public. As a result, selection as a Fellow is a high honor reflecting substantive contributions to the field of employee benefits over the Fellow's entire career. The inductees join nearly 340 current Fellows in the organization.

The American College of Employee Benefits Counsel, Inc. (ACEBC), a not-for-profit organization, was formed in recognition of significant legal and social policy issues impacting the regulation and management of pension, retirement, group health, welfare and disability plans. The College's mission statement is: "Fostering excellence in the practice of employee benefits law and advancing public understanding of employee benefits." The College encourages the study and development of employee benefits laws and engages in projects such as working with the IRS on training programs for IRS agents, initiating professional discussions and high level symposiums of significant issues, cosponsoring continuing legal education programs, and recognizing the achievements of distinguished employee benefits attorneys. The College also sponsors a national law student writing competition to encourage legal scholarship in this evolving area of law.

"The College is honored to add this group of superb lawyers as new Fellows. Their sustained excellence and service to the employee benefits community and the public exemplifies what the College was created to recognize," said Howard Shapiro of Proskauer Rose LLP in New Orleans, LA, and President of the College.

A list of the newly inducted Fellows is attached. The College's website is: [www.acebc.com](http://www.acebc.com). For further information, contact Howard Shapiro at (504-310-4085) or at [howshapiro@proskauer.com](mailto:howshapiro@proskauer.com).

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