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Washington, DC May 2011 -- The American College of Employee Benefits Counsel (the College) has launched a new website feature to help employers, union officials, attorneys, judges, and other interested parties locate leading employee benefits practitioners, including those available to act as mediators or expert witnesses in legal disputes. College membership, which numbers about 375 lawyers, is limited to individuals who are generally recognized by their peers for expertise in the field and intellectual excellence. Membership requires a minimum of twenty years practice, as well as a demonstrated and sustained commitment to the development and pursuit of public awareness and understanding of the law of employee benefits.

The website feature, "About the Fellows" – at <http://acebc.com/content/fellows.asp> – was developed and is sponsored by the College. Each Fellow of the College can include (or link to) biographical information and designate his or her availability to act as an expert witness or mediator in any of twelve employee benefit areas, such as fiduciary issues or executive compensation. The College has left it to the Fellows both to designate themselves as being available to serve as expert witnesses or mediators and to provide a description of their relevant experience. The College has not reviewed or edited the information provided by the Fellows.

"This website feature is an important tool to assist the public in locating employee benefits counsel who are recognized for their experience in the field," said College President Mary Ellen Signorille. "For anyone seeking a mediator or expert witness in the employee benefits area, the new website feature will be an invaluable resource."

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ABOUT AMERICAN COLLEGE OF EMPLOYEE BENEFITS COUNSEL:

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. For more information, please visit www.acebc.com.

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