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New attorney adds real estate expertise to corporate practice

BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MI – June 6, 2007 – Plunkett & Cooney recently enhanced its real estate and commercial banking practice with the addition of attorney David S. Keast, who has particular expertise representing condominium and homeowner associations.

“We’re fortunate to have Dave join our real estate and banking groups,” said Dennis Cowan, Plunkett & Cooney’s Business Law Department Leader. “Dave has extensive experience in real estate and banking law, so he will be a real asset to our clients with needs in both of these business areas.”

A member of the firm’s Bloomfield Hills office, Keast focuses his practice in the areas of real estate transactions, as well as commercial loan origination and loan restructuring services. Prior to joining the firm, he worked for a Bingham Farms-based law firm that specializes in representing condominium and homeowner associations.

In addition, Keast has previously served as general counsel of Crosswinds Communities, Inc., a Novi, Michigan-based residential condominium developer, where he gained extensive experience in providing residential and business condominium development project services, including land acquisition and residential and business condominium project formation and sales documentation. He also previously served as deputy general counsel of Michigan National Corporation, the parent company of Michigan National Bank, where he served as lead counsel in a successful commercial loan recovery effort involving

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a failed bank, lead negotiator with a federal agency over bank reporting violations, and lead transactional counsel for bank business acquisitions and divestitures, as well as the senior bank commercial loan origination specialist and manager.

Plunkett & Cooney is a leading provider of corporate legal services in Michigan. The firm counts among its clients regional banks, real estate and property developers and a number of other businesses in an variety of industries.

Plunkett & Cooney offers a complete range of legal services in the area of real estate law, including purchases, sales and commercial land development, as well as the financial transactions associated with such matters.

For over the past 20 years, members of the firm's Banking, Finance & Creditors' Rights Practice Group have represented client financial institutions in loan origination matters, lender liability defense, insider trading policies and compliance, assistance with SEC filings, acquisition of new banking powers, state and federal regulatory banking law, negotiation/documentation of acquisitions, negotiable instrument defense and loan workouts/commercial loan collections.

Established in 1913, Plunkett & Cooney is one of Michigan's largest full-service law firms with 150 attorneys in nine offices state wide, as well as one in Columbus, Ohio. The firm has achieved the highest rating awarded by Martindale-Hubbell, a leading, international directory of law firms.

For more information about David S. Keast joining the firm, contact the firm's Practice Development Manager, John Cornwell, at (248) 901-4008.

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