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**H. B. MAYNARD AND COMPANY, INC.® AND JACKSON LEWIS PARTNER
TO PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE WAGE AND HOUR LITIGATION PREVENTION SERVICES**

PITTSBURGH, PA — H. B. Maynard and Company, Inc. (Maynard), one of the nation's leading workforce performance consultants and Jackson Lewis LLP a law firm that limits its practice to developing preventive strategies and positive solutions in the practice of workplace law have announced a strategic alliance designed to provide consulting services in the prevention of wage and hour issues.

Seeking to improve productivity and customer satisfaction, Maynard assists leading retailers and manufacturers by providing tools, training and expertise in labor management, best methods, workplace organization, labor standards and staffing. Jackson Lewis has almost 50 years of experience providing preventive workplace solutions and training to employers nationwide.

"We believe that creating a great place to work requires a proactive effort to introduce positive elements into the work environment and to eliminate or minimize negative distractions," said Ken Smith, Maynard President.

"The initiation of a wage and hour issue, possibly growing to a class action suit, is not only a distraction, but has the potential of destroying previous efforts to improve a work culture.

"Jackson Lewis has built a national reputation representing employers with a steadfast focus on training and the prevention of employment law disputes. They share our desire to help our clients to create a great place to work and to prevent potential wage and hour issues."

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According to Employment Law 360, the filing of wage and hour related claims increased 64% in 2006. Jackson Lewis and Maynard believe that the same tools used to analyze work in defending wage and hour litigation could be also be used to help prevent it.

“This area is a critical challenge facing employers around the country” said Doug Smith, a Jackson Lewis partner. “We believe that combining Maynard’s vast experience in collecting and analyzing job task data, with the Jackson Lewis’ experience in evaluating the risk factors and defending such claims will provide a valuable and unique service to our respective clients. Now, in partnership with Maynard, we will be offering clients an audit service with a focus on prevention.”

The partnership will also allow Maynard and Jackson Lewis to offer employers a superior learning solution about preventing wage and hour cases and other critical employment law issues at the law firm’s 18TH annual Corporate Counsel Conference to be held May 2-3, 2007 at the Bellagio Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas.

About Jackson Lewis

Founded in 1958, Jackson Lewis has over 400 attorneys in 28 offices nationwide dedicated to representing management exclusively in workplace law. The firm focuses solely on employment, labor, immigration and benefits law and related litigation. The firm has offices in Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, Dallas, Denver, Greenville, Hartford, Houston, Long Island, Los Angeles, Miami, Minneapolis, Morristown, New York, Orange County, Orlando, Pittsburgh, Portland, Providence, Raleigh-Durham, Richmond, Sacramento, San Francisco, Seattle, Stamford, Washington D.C. region and White Plains. The firm has seventeen (17) practice groups including class action litigation, wage and hour compliance, labor relations (including proactive practice), management training, trade secrets, non-competes and workplace technology, disability leave and health management, and others.

About H. B. Maynard and Company, Inc.

H. B. Maynard and Company, Inc. (Maynard) helps leading retailers and manufacturers to improve workforce performance by providing tools, training, and expertise in labor management, best methods, workplace organization, labor standards, and staffing. Results focus on reducing labor costs while meeting customer service objectives. Headquartered in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Maynard has been helping leading manufacturers, grocery retailers, and apparel retailers improve their productivity, quality, and culture for over 72 years. The company has developed The Maynard Workforce Performance Model™, a multi-disciplined strategy, to assist companies including American Eagle Outfitters, Nike, Old Navy, Publix, Limited Brands, Gap, Giant Eagle, Rite Aid, Wegman’s, Toys R Us, CVS, SuperValu, and T J Maxx with improving the productivity, quality, and culture of their organizations. The model includes disciplines such as: 5-S; Work Flow Design; Setup Reduction; Best Methods; Engineered Standards; and Performance Management. A complete array of published materials, training courses, and software products support each discipline.