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Whiteford, Taylor & Preston Partner, Robert B. Curran,

Named 2009 Baltimore Corporate Lawyer of the Year

February 27, 2009 – Baltimore – Whiteford, Taylor & Preston LLP (WTP) is delighted to announce that Robert B. Curran has been named 2009 Baltimore Corporate Lawyer of the Year by Woodward/White's *The Best Lawyers in America*.

With over 30 years of legal experience, Curran co-chairs the firm's Business and Corporate section and is a member of the Taxation section. He handles a variety of matters for both large corporations and small closely-held businesses, including multi-million dollar mergers and acquisitions, leverage buyouts, corporate succession plans, ESOP transactions, recapitalizations/corporate reorganizations, and business entity formations. A former faculty member for Maryland Institute for Continuing Professional Education of Lawyers (MICPEL), he is a member of the American Bar Association and Maryland State Bar Association, where he has served as chairman of the Section of Taxation. In addition to being listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*, Curran has been recognized by Chamber and Partner's *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* and Maryland's *Super Lawyers* ("Top 50 Maryland Lawyers" in 2008) and named an AV-rated attorney by Martindale-Hubbell.

Steven Naifeh, Managing Editor of *Best Lawyers*, says, "We continue to believe – as we have believed for more than 25 years – that recognition by one's peers is the most meaningful form of praise in the legal profession. We would like to congratulate Robert B. Curran on being selected as the 'Baltimore *Best Lawyers* Corporate Lawyer of the Year' for 2009."

After more than a quarter of a century in publication, *Best Lawyers* is designating "Lawyers of the Year" in high-profile legal specialties in large legal communities. These specialties are Banking

Law, Bet-the-Company Litigation, Corporate Law, Family Law, Personal Injury Litigation, and Real Estate Law, and only a single lawyer in each specialty in each community is being honored as the “Lawyer of the Year.” *Best Lawyers* compiles its lists of outstanding attorneys by conducting thorough peer-review surveys in which thousands of leading lawyers confidentially evaluate their professional peers. The current, 15th edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* (2009), is based on more than 2.5 million detailed evaluations of lawyers by other lawyers. The lawyers being honored as “Lawyers of the Year” have received particularly high ratings in surveys by earning a high level of respect among their peers for their abilities, professionalism, and integrity.

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