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**STIKEMAN ELLIOTT AWARDED LEADER IN BUSINESS AWARD
FROM VOLUNTEER CALGARY**

Calgary, Alberta – May 2, 2008 – The Calgary office of Stikeman Elliott is one of Canada's leading business law firms and was recognized last night by **Volunteer Calgary with a Leader in Business Award**. This is the second volunteer award for the Calgary office. In March the office was recognized by Alberta Venture Magazine with an award for Best Workplaces in the area of Volunteerism & Community Involvement.

Lou Cusano, Calgary Managing Partner: "We are very excited about this award. Volunteering is definitely a part of our culture, and we hope to make a difference by giving back to the community where we live and work. We encourage all of our lawyers and staff members to participate in volunteer work in the Calgary community."

Volunteer Calgary's Leadership Awards is Calgary's premier, community-focused volunteer recognition event. Established in 1997, these awards celebrate the contributions and accomplishments of outstanding volunteers in our community. The awards recognize leaders of volunteer programs, outstanding youth volunteers, employee volunteers, innovative volunteer programs and exceptional individual volunteers. **Stikeman Elliott was nominated, and successful, as the Leader in Business in the large business category.**

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ABOUT STIKEMAN ELLIOTT

Stikeman Elliott LLP is one of Canada's leading business law firms with over 480 lawyers in 5 offices across Canada. The Calgary office has over 50 lawyers and 75 staff and is one of the city's fastest growing law firms.

The Firm is a Canadian leader in each of its core practice areas - corporate finance, M&A, banking, corporate commercial, real estate, tax, insolvency, structured finance, competition, intellectual property, employment and business litigation - and has developed in-depth knowledge of a wide range of industries from banking and insurance to oil & gas, electrical energy, mining and technology. The Firm was awarded *Canadian Law Firm of the Year* in 2007 by the International Financial Law Review and in 2006 by Chambers Global. Stikeman Elliott is recognized as a leader in Canadian capital markets and in domestic and international M&A by industry league tables, and is ranked among Canada's top three business litigation practices by Canadian publisher, Lexpert. Stikeman Elliott maintains offices in Calgary, Toronto, Montréal, Ottawa and Vancouver, as well as London, New York and Sydney.