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***J. Chapman Petersen, Member of the House of Delegates,
Has Joined SMIL as Principal and Partner***



OCTOBER 28, 2005 (FAIRFAX, VA) **Surovell Markle Isaacs & Levy PLC**, an eleven-attorney, AV-rated, Northern Virginia law firm has announced recently that J. Chapman Petersen has joined the firm as Principal and Partner.

Mr. Petersen has successfully tried over forty cases, including multiple jury actions, in all the major courts of record in the Washington, D.C. metro area. He is currently licensed to practice in Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia. Prior to joining SMIL, Mr. Petersen was a partner with the firm of Bracewell & Giuliani, LLC in their Reston and D.C. offices.

His practice focuses on commercial litigation, including landlord and tenant disputes, breaches of contract and multi-count business torts, and some forms of non-litigation representation, including advice on local government and small business issues. His clients have ranged from large multi-national companies to individual entrepreneurs. Mr. Petersen has extensive trial experience representing clients with real estate, employment and personal injury claims.

Robert J. Surovell, President of Surovell Markle Isaacs & Levy, said "Chap's legal credentials, community service and highly-favored reputation provides SMIL clients with a strong legal advantage – our the biggest advantage is the addition of another high-caliber partner at SMIL with key contacts and an outstanding network."

In addition to serving his clients, Mr. Petersen is also known for serving his community - representing Fairfax City and Central Fairfax County as a state delegate in the Virginia General Assembly. For the last two years, he has served as the House Minority Whip. At the time of his selection, he was the youngest member to ever be appointed to that post. Prior to his election to the legislature in 2001, he served as an at-large member of the Fairfax City Council and the City's representative on the Northern Virginia Regional Commission.

Mr. Petersen is a 1994 graduate of University of Virginia Law School, a 1990 graduate of Williams College and a 1986 graduate of Fairfax High School. He lives with his wife and three children in Fairfax City.

Surovell Markle Isaacs & Levy PLC offers expertise in nearly every area of the law and several of its Members have been recognized in ***The Best Lawyers in America*** and ***Washingtonian Magazine*** as top attorneys in their fields. For more information, visit www.SmilLaw.com or contact us at 703.251.5400

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