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**CHAMBERS USA RANKS AXINN, VELTROP & HARKRIDER LLP  
AMONG TOP NEW YORK LAW FIRMS**  
*Four Partners Receive Individual Recognition*

New York City, NY (June 15, 2007) – **Axinn, Veltrop & Harkrider LLP (AV&H)** today announced that AV&H was named among the top law firms in New York for antitrust by Chambers USA’s *America’s Leading Business Lawyers List*. Additionally, Stephen Axinn, John Harkrider, Lauren Albert, and Michael Keeley earned individual spots on the guide, which ranks leading lawyers based upon their reputation amongst peers and clients.

The Chambers Guides list the top lawyers and law firms in 175 countries, providing independent rankings and editorial commentary. Chambers has been publishing guides to the legal profession since 1969.

“We are very pleased to once again be recognized by Chambers,” said Mr. Axinn, senior partner of the Firm. “We’ve all worked very hard, side by side on major cases with successful results, so it’s great to be recognized for this hard work.”

AV&H has obtained antitrust clearance for some of the most significant transactions in recent years, including BellSouth’s acquisition by AT&T, Cingular Wireless’s acquisition of AT&T Wireless, which was the largest all cash merger in history, Omnicare’s acquisition of Neighborcare, Movie Gallery’s acquisition of Hollywood Video, and GameStop Corp.’s acquisition of Electronics Boutique. AV&H also represented MasterCard in its IPO, which was the largest public offering of 2006, and is currently counsel to The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co., (“A&P”) in its acquisition of Pathmark.

AV&H is also one of the few firms ever to have successfully litigated a merger case against the Antitrust Division. In *United States v. SunGard Data Systems*, AV&H obtained a judgment on the merits rejecting the Antitrust Division's bid to block SunGard's acquisition of the business continuity assets of its rival Comdisco Inc.

**Axinn, Veltrop & Harkrider LLP** offers a wide range of legal services to clients in the fields of antitrust, intellectual property and complex litigation. AV&H has earned an unsurpassed reputation in the antitrust field and regularly litigates claims and advises clients regarding antitrust matters. [www.avhlaw.com](http://www.avhlaw.com)

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