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Ungaretti & Harris Expands Its Presence in Healthcare and Senior Care Representation with the Addition of Four New Attorneys

Chicago, April 1, 2005 —Ungaretti & Harris LLP is pleased to announce the addition of four new attorneys, three partners and one associate, from the Chicago office of Michael Best & Friedrich LLP. Partners **John J. Durso** and **Edward Clancy**, and associate **Valerie Breslin Montague** will be joining the firm's Healthcare Department. **Francis J. Emmons** will become a partner in the Corporate Securities and Finance Department.

Thomas M. Fahey, Managing Partner and Chair of the Healthcare Department is very excited by the new opportunities presented by these arrivals. "The Healthcare Group at Ungaretti & Harris is unrivaled in its dedication and the level of quality with which we serve our clients. We look forward to continuing on this tradition of devoted service with our new colleagues, and are elated with the enthusiasm and years of legal experience that they will bring to the table," commented Mr. Fahey.

John J. Durso, Partner, is a seasoned attorney in the healthcare industry, dedicating his 27-year career to serving healthcare providers, senior care providers of every type, alternative risk entities such as captives and risk retention groups, risk management, alliances, trade associations, religious organizations, churches and other not-for-profit organizations in virtually every area of legal practice. His areas of expertise include mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, sophisticated tax-exempt and taxable financings, affiliations, tax and tax-exemptions, real estate tax-exemptions, complex litigation, labor and employment matters, CON, licensure, administrative and regulatory matters, development of CCRC's as well as other senior care entities, and many other facets of the healthcare industry. Mr. Durso received his J.D., *cum laude*, from Loyola University of Chicago School of Law, in 1974.

Mr. Durso said of the group's move to the firm, "My colleagues and I are very excited to be joining Ungaretti & Harris, and being part of their highly acclaimed healthcare and healthcare finance group. Tom Fahey and his team are already known for their skillful handling of the most complex matters that come about in the healthcare transactional and regulatory arenas, and it will be our purpose to further ensure that Ungaretti & Harris clients are provided with nothing less than the

finest legal representation in the area. The firm, which is a full service firm, will be a great platform to provide high-quality, reasonably priced, expanded services to our clients.”

Edward Clancy, Partner, will continue to represent providers in the areas of administrative and civil litigation, and counsel them in matters involving licensure compliance, survey and certification, life safety code, risk management, certificates of need and certificates of exemption, acquisitions, tax exemption, labor and employment, fair housing and reimbursement. His clients include a variety of healthcare providers, including long-term care facilities, hospitals, continuing care retirement communities, billing services, ambulance companies, physicians and nurses. For many years prior to private practice, Mr. Clancy worked for the Illinois Department of Public Health and the Department of Health and Human Services Office of the General Counsel. Mr. Clancy received his J.D. from the Chicago-Kent College of Law in 1987.

Francis (Frank) J. Emmons, Partner, will continue to focus on corporate transactions and federal, state and local taxation. He represents manufacturers, real estate developers, members of the commodities industry, and executives of public and private companies. Before entering private practice, Mr. Emmons was a trial attorney for the Office of Chief Counsel for the IRS. He is a Certified Public Accountant in Illinois.

Valerie Breslin Montague, Associate, devotes her practice to the healthcare industry, focusing her practice in the areas of facility licensure, tax exemption, corporate restructuring, HIPAA compliance, hospital transactions, and fair housing issues. Ms. Montague graduated from the Georgetown University Law Center in 2003.

UNGARETTI & HARRIS LLP is a 100-attorney law firm with offices in Chicago, Washington, and Springfield. It has become one of the premier midsize litigation and transactional firms and represents Fortune 500 companies, professional organizations, healthcare providers, trade associations, developers, financial institutions, private equity sources, and government agencies throughout the United States.

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