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**KEITER, STEPHENS, HURST, GARY & SHREAVES, P.C.
AND ROBERT L. TOBEY AND COMPANY, PLLC ANNOUNCE MERGER**

Richmond, VA (January 5, 2006) – Keiter, Stephens, Hurst, Gary & Shreaves, P.C. and Robert L. Tobey and Company, PLLC are pleased to announce the merger of their Charlottesville practices. The combined Charlottesville practice will operate under the name **Keiter Stephens Tobey**. This merger enhances both Firms' presence and broadens the array of services available in the Charlottesville area.

The office is located at 414 Third Street N.E., in downtown Charlottesville, VA. Keiter Stephens Tobey will have access to all the services and support of Keiter, Stephens, Hurst, Gary & Shreaves, headquartered in Richmond, VA. Charlottesville area CPAs include: Robert L. Tobey, Kinda Sandridge, Roger Higgins, and John Simmonette.

Lewis O. Hall, CPA, Managing Principal of Keiter, Stephens, Hurst, Gary & Shreaves, said, "We are very excited to expand our presence in the Charlottesville area with such a talented and well respected firm. We are pleased to have the opportunity and look forward to building on our reputation for excellent client service, commitment to our employees, and to building a stronger community through investments of our time and resources."

Robert L. Tobey, CPA, founder of Robert L. Tobey and Company and Keiter Stephens Tobey Principal, is excited about the future; “Merging with Keiter Stephens is great for my company and clients and great for KS - we have a synergy that will benefit our clients. I am very pleased to be expanding my practice with such a prominent firm as Keiter Stephens. Keiter Stephens Tobey will provide the full scope of services that our Richmond office does with the same commitment to personal service and detail that Robert L. Tobey and Company is known for. I am grateful to the many clients I have served over past 16 years and very excited about our future direction.”

Keiter, Stephens, Hurst, Gary & Shreaves, PC, with its office in Richmond, offers a variety of accounting and consulting services. With 16 principals and a total of 116 employees including 57 CPAs on staff, Keiter Stephens is one of the largest CPA firms in Central Virginia. Keiter Stephens specializes in serving privately held businesses and their owners, with a significant focus of its practice serving the service, manufacturing, retail, real estate, and not-for-profit industries. The firm’s mission is to deliver quality client service, provide fulfilling careers, and share time and resources to build a stronger community. www.kshgs.com.

Robert Tobey has been providing accounting and tax services to individuals and their businesses for over 25 years. Robert L. Tobey and Company, PLLC, was formed in 2004 when Robert Tobey departed Garis and Tobey to form his own firm. The staff consisted of six total employees, including three CPAs. With the addition of Roger Higgins, manager of the Keiter Stephens Charlottesville office, as well as the strength of the Keiter Stephens Richmond office, Keiter Stephens Tobey looks forward to expanding its client relationships in Charlottesville, Lynchburg, and the Harrisonburg areas. www.kstcpas.com.

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