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COLUMBIA, S.C., January 24, 2012 – Ellis, Lawhorne & Sims P.A. is pleased to announce that Kirby Shealy has joined the firm as a shareholder and a member of the Litigation and Dispute Resolution Practice Group. Mr. Shealy has extensive jury trial and appellate experience in contract disputes, real property concerns and First Amendment issues.

“Kirby’s depth of knowledge and strong credentials will be a tremendous asset to our clients,” said managing shareholder Bill P. McElveen, Jr. “We are thrilled to welcome him to Ellis Lawhorne.”

Mr. Shealy is also experienced in copyright and trademark infringement claims, insurance coverage matters, corporate governance cases, and catastrophic injury and death claims against trucking and other commercial enterprises.

He currently serves as the Chair of the Richland County Public Library and York Place, a facility for children with emotional disturbances. Mr. Shealy is the President of the John Belton O’Neill Inn of Court, an organization of lawyers and judges whose mission is to promote the highest standards of civility, professionalism and competency in the legal profession. He is also a member of the South Carolina Supreme Court’s Committee on Character and Fitness, the entity charged with determining the suitability of applicants to the South Carolina Bar.

Mr. Shealy earned his Juris Doctor from the University of South Carolina School of Law and a Bachelor of Arts degree in history from Davidson College. He is admitted to the South Carolina Bar, the U.S. District Court of South Carolina, and the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals.

*About Ellis, Lawhorne & Sims, P.A.*

Established in 1980, Ellis, Lawhorne & Sims, P.A., is considered one of South Carolina’s premier business law firms. Located in Columbia, the Firm serves regional and national corporate and individual clients in four main practice groups: Business, Real Estate and Finance, Litigation and Dispute Resolution, Trusts and Estates, and Workers’ Compensation. For additional information, please visit [www.ellislawhorne.com](http://www.ellislawhorne.com).

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*For a 300 dpi image of Mr. Shealy, please contact Katy Miller at [katy@riggspartners.com](mailto:katy@riggspartners.com)*