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**Donovan Hatem LLP Names Cheryl Waterhouse as Firm's
Administrative Partner and Welcomes New Trial Partner to the Firm**

BOSTON, Mass., April 7, 2005 – Donovan Hatem LLP is pleased to announce that Professional Practices partner **Cheryl A. Waterhouse** has been appointed Administrative Partner of the firm. In her new role, Waterhouse will work with the firm's administrative department heads and the partnership on various firm initiatives, including issues related to firm operations and strategic growth.

Waterhouse, one of 40 founding attorneys of Donovan Hatem LLP in 2001, represents clients in professional malpractice cases, employment matters and environmental cases. She defends environmental engineering professionals, attorneys and accountants in court and before administrative agencies. She also handles employment matters, defending clients against discrimination claims and providing compliance counseling. In addition, she provides advice and litigation assistance to clients with environmental legal matters.

Deborah S. Russo, formerly of Day, Berry & Howard LLP, has joined the firm as a partner in the Professional Practices Group. Donovan Hatem's Professional Practices Group assists clients in the professional services sectors with contract negotiations, risk management issues and defense of professional liability claims. Russo brings over 12 years of experience as a trial lawyer to Donovan Hatem LLP and she will continue to develop her torts practice, focused on the defense of professional liability claims, the defense of product liability claims and on negligence claims involving claims of major injury, as well as her insurance practice, focused on insured/insurer and

reinsured/reinsurer coverage disputes, including the defense of claims for bad faith insurance practices. Russo earned her J.D. from Boston University School of Law, *cum laude*, where she served on the Boston University Law Review, and her B.A. from the University of New Hampshire, *magna cum laude*. She is admitted to practice in Connecticut and Massachusetts and in various federal courts, including the U.S. District Court for the Districts of Connecticut and Massachusetts and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First and Second Circuits.

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