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**2nd Consecutive Year Baird Holm Only Nebraska Law Firm to Attain
Highest Rankings in All *Chambers USA* Categories**

OMAHA, Neb., September 24, 2007 – For the second year in a row, Omaha-based Baird Holm law firm has earned top-tier rankings in the 2007 edition of *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business, 2007 – The Client's Guide*.

Baird Holm is the only Nebraska law firm to be listed in Band 1 (the highest tier) in all four categories used by *Chambers USA* to evaluate a law firm's performance for the second year in a row. The categories are corporate/mergers & acquisitions, employment, litigation and real estate. *Chambers* client guide books are used throughout the world by those seeking legal services.

To arrive at the rankings, London-based Chambers & Partners, Legal Publishers, conducted more than 10,000 interviews with clients and attorneys across the nation. *Chambers* ranks firms by state. Law firms and individual attorneys are ranked in bands on a scale of 1-6, with 1 being the best. The qualities on which rankings are assessed include technical legal ability, professional conduct, client service, commercial awareness/astuteness, diligence, commitment and other qualities most valued by the client.

“Clients value the firm's ability to communicate the significant issues and 'the lawyers' capability to anticipate and analyze the situation and bring about the best result.” the guide says of Baird Holm in explaining the Band 1 ranking in the corporate/mergers & acquisitions category.

In the litigation category, the guide quotes clients from both the private and public sectors as saying Baird Holm is “uncommonly effective.”

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In addition, the guide notes clients describing attorneys within Baird Holm's real estate category as "a wonderful group" fielding "top legal talent."

ABOUT *CHAMBERS USA*

The methodology employed to assess the strengths and reputations of law firms and attorneys has been approved by the British Market Research Bureau, which audits the research annually. In-depth interviews with clients and with attorneys are done over the telephone, each one lasting about half an hour. More information about the *Chambers* guides may be found at <http://www.chambersandpartners.com>

The annual *Chambers* guide is distributed to corporate legal counsel across the nation, members of the legal profession around the world, law libraries and schools, and Bar associations and law societies.

ABOUT BAIRD HOLM LLP

Baird Holm LLP is a 135-year-old, multi-service law firm with 75 attorneys providing results-oriented counsel for corporate, institutional, governmental and individual clients. Baird Holm is the only Nebraska law firm selected as an affiliate of Lex Mundi, an international network of law firms. This affiliation enables the firm to offer access to legal services throughout the United States and in 150 countries, states and provinces.

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