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

OMAHA, Neb., August 14, 2006 – Omaha-based Baird Holm law firm has earned top-tier rankings in the 2006 edition of *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business, 2006 – 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. 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.

“This highly respected firm has a long record of excellence in Nebraska, particularly for business advice and transactional support,” the guide says of Baird Holm in explaining the Band 1 ranking in the corporate/mergers & acquisitions category.

In the employment category, the guide quotes clients from both the private and public sectors as saying Baird Holm has “the best employment law group in the state.”

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In addition, the guide notes Baird Holm’s “wide-ranging litigation practice that focuses on complex commercial litigation and intellectual property.”

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 130-year-old, full-service law firm with 70 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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