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AICPA HONORS MICHAEL E. MARES
WITH ARTHUR J. DIXON MEMORIAL AWARD

Richmond, VA, November 7, 2006 – Michael E. Mares, a partner with Witt Mares, is this year’s recipient of the Arthur J. Dixon Memorial Award, the highest award given by the accounting profession in the area of taxation. The award, given by the Tax Division of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), was presented yesterday at the AICPA’s National Conference on Federal Taxes in Washington, DC.

Over the past two decades, Mares has been a tireless volunteer leader with the AICPA. Most notably, he has served on the AICPA board of directors and as chair and a member of the AICPA Tax Executive Committee. In addition, Mares has chaired the AICPA Tax Division’s Strategic Planning Task Force, the Strategic Planning Alignment Task Force, the SSTS Tax Shelter Task Force, and the Liaison with State Societies Committee. He also has served on the Tax Forms Subcommittee, the Tax Division Reorganization Task Force, the SRTP Enforceability Task Force, the Operations Task Force and The Tax Adviser’s Editorial Advisory Board. Mares has also served on AICPA committees in the business valuation, consulting services and state regulations areas and has worked on various AICPA ethics-related initiatives.

His leadership has been recognized on numerous occasions. Mares has been named one of Virginia’s “Super CPAs” by Virginia Business magazine, been named a recipient of the “Outstanding Member Award” by the Virginia Society of CPAs, and has five times been named as one of the “100 Most Influential CPAs in the US.”

The annual award is in honor of Arthur J. Dixon, a CPA who had an outstanding record of service to the tax profession and to the AICPA Tax Division. The award was established after his death in 1981 to honor outstanding CPAs in the area of taxes.

The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants is the national association of CPAs, with approximately 330,000 members.

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