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### **Quarles & Brady Named to Top 50 'Best Law Firms for Women' List By Working Mother Magazine and Flex-Time Lawyers**

MILWAUKEE, WI (August 11, 2009) – The national law firm of Quarles & Brady LLP has been named among the “Best Law Firms for Women” by *Working Mother* magazine and Flex-Time Lawyers LLC.

Quarles & Brady was one of 50 national firms cited for its continued attention to work-life and women’s issues and increased use of flex-time, reduced-hour and other family-friendly policies to encourage advancement and retention of women attorneys.

“We believe lawyers can remain committed professionals while working a flexible work schedule,” said John Daniels, Chairman of Quarles & Brady. “This honor is a recognition of our commitment to diversity and to our working mothers. We make every effort to provide an outstanding flexible work environment so that they can honor their obligations to the firm, their families and their communities.”

Quarles & Brady’s flexible work programs emphasize performance and encourage participation in business development, leadership opportunities and professional development, rather than placing the emphasis strictly on the billable hour. Quarles program highlights from the magazine:

“Women serve in positions of power throughout this national firm . . . Three women sit on its 12-person executive committee, and four of the firm’s six offices are led by women, including its head office in Milwaukee. Women partners lead the finance, legal personnel and diversity committees, as well as two of its 12 practice groups. Flexible scheduling helps with work/life balance, and lawyers on reduced hours stay on the partnership track. Lawyer moms can take a year to phase back to work after maternity leave . . .”

Firms with at least 50 lawyers were eligible to submit award applications, which required detailed responses to questions about the issues most important to the retention and promotion of female lawyers. The winning firms will be honored on September 15 at a luncheon in New York City.

*Working Mother*, in its 30<sup>th</sup> year of publication and oriented to career-committed mothers, reaches two million readers across the country. Flex-Time Lawyers LLC is a national consulting firm advising the legal profession on work/life balance areas for women.

Quarles & Brady LLP is a full-service law firm with more than 425 attorneys practicing from offices in Phoenix and Tucson, AZ; Chicago, IL; Naples, FL; and Milwaukee and Madison, WI. The firm offers an array of legal services to corporate and individual clients that range from small entrepreneurial businesses to Fortune 100 companies. Additional information about the firm may be found at [www.quarles.com](http://www.quarles.com).

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