Press Release

Hahn Loeser + Parks LLP

Contact: Lindsay Sharp, PR Manager, 216.274.2390 lasharp@hahnlaw.com or
Heather Mikes, 239.444.1724, hmikes@wraggcasas.com

Hahn Loeser + Parks demonstrates commitment to local hurricane relief with Red Cross donation

January 27, 2005 – Bonita Springs, FL – Hahn Loeser + Parks LLP, a distinguished Ohio law firm that opened its Southwest Florida office in December 2003, underscored its commitment to local hurricane relief efforts with a $5,000 donation to the American Red Cross of Lee County.

"While the tragedy of the tsunami has captured the world's attention, we have families here who continue to be devastated by last summer's hurricanes," said Jeffrey Folkman, managing partner of the Bonita Springs office. "As we reach across the ocean to help the people of Southeast Asia, we cannot forget our neighbors here in Florida."

"Today we are facing crises on many fronts," said Robin Wingate, the chapter's executive director. "Resources are needed more than ever. Gifts like these help us provide for people in our community and will speed the area's recovery from the hurricanes."

During the 2004 hurricane season, the chapter operated 13 shelters holding 12,424 people, erected nine fixed-feeding sites and sent 35 mobile feeding vehicles to battered neighborhoods, serving a total of 489,312 meals. The number of individuals or families assisted financially was 1,913, and the chapter is currently providing long-term relief for many people. As of early December, the chapter had expended $1,972,659, of which $902,190 was spent on the feeding sites.

Hahn Loeser + Parks LLP

A typical client is a single mother who, prior to the disaster, had no assistance and held down two jobs. Her employers suffered damage and were forced to close for repairs, her apartment was condemned and one of children removed from the home. The American Red Cross of Lee County is working to place her in temporary housing, get financial assistance and re-unify the family.

"Many of the local social service agencies and churches are strained to the bone," Wingate said. "We have met with United Way and some other agencies to collaborate for more support."

The American Red Cross of Lee County is currently in the midst of its annual H.E.R.O.E.S. (Helping Everyday Responders Offer Emergency Services) campaign. The goals are to increase awareness of local Red Cross activities, recruit new donors and volunteers, and raise $75,000 for Red Cross services. All money raised will remain in Lee County.

Hahn Loeser + Parks LLP is a full-service firm with nearly 90 years' experience in business and corporate law, estate planning, real estate transactions, litigation and other complex legal matters. Clients include Fortune 500 corporations and privately held businesses, non-profit institutions, governmental entities and individuals. The firm maintains offices in Cleveland, Columbus and Akron, Ohio; Bonita Springs and Miami, Florida. More information on the Firm can be found at www.hahnlaw.com.

###