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## Everybody Wins! DC Partner Kirkland & Ellis LLP is a Finalist for the 2008 Philanthropy Awards

WASHINGTON, DC (May 28, 2008) -- Everybody Wins! DC (EW!DC) is proud to announce that the Washington Business Journal and Greater DC Cares has selected Kirkland & Ellis LLP as one of four finalists for the **2008 Philanthropy Awards** in the **“Greatest Impact on a Local Nonprofit”** category. EW!DC nominated Kirkland & Ellis LLP and Mark Young (Kirkland & Ellis Partner and Chairman of the EW!DC Board of Directors) for their outstanding commitment to children’s mentoring and literacy.

The other finalists are: Booz Allen Hamilton; Clark Construction and Otsuka America Pharmaceutical. The winner will be announced on Tuesday, June 17 at a luncheon and awards program at the Four Seasons Hotel.

“We are delighted that Mark Young and Kirkland & Ellis LLP have been recognized as a finalist for this prestigious award. Mark and the employees at Kirkland & Ellis set a shining example. They demonstrate that making a difference in the community can be both extremely rewarding and fun at the same time,” explains EW!DC Executive Director Mary Salander.

Under Mark Young’s leadership, Kirkland & Ellis initiated a partnership with EW!DC to participate in the **Power Lunch program** at Adams Elementary School and the partnership is one that has flourished for the past decade. Currently, through the program more than 30 Kirkland & Ellis employees volunteer one hour of their time each week to mentor and read with underserved students during their lunch hour.

Employees also help operate an annual book drive that collects hundreds of books each year, which are then distributed to Power Lunch students at the school. Kirkland & Ellis also sponsored the inaugural Lawyers For Literacy Trivia Challenge in December 2007. During the event, which was hosted at their downtown office, thirteen teams from the most highly-respected law firms in DC engaged in a spirited battle for the title of LLM “Litterae Magister” (Master of Literacy).

At Kirkland & Ellis LLP, the range of charitable activities is diverse, and their commitment to community service is deep and longstanding. Kirkland & Ellis’s Washington office is a dynamic participant in many activities throughout the year, including the American Heart Association’s “Lawyers’ Have Heart” 10-K Race; Buildable Hours; and the Annual Holiday Service Giving Program. The Kirkland & Ellis Foundation also provides charitable contributions to dozens of non-profit organizations.

EW!DC is the largest children’s literacy and mentoring organization in the Washington Metropolitan Area. Through its three core literacy programs: Power Lunch, Readers Are Leaders and StoryTime EW!DC reaches more than 3,200 underserved students each year in 32 Title I public elementary schools throughout the region.

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