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**TOP CLASS ACTION LAW FIRM CHANGES ITS NAME TO
BARROWAY TOPAZ KESSLER MELTZER & CHECK, LLP**

RADNOR, PA. (November 17, 2008) – The class action law firm formerly known as Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler, LLP today announced that it has changed its name to Barroway Topaz Kessler Meltzer & Check, LLP. The firm has added Joseph H. Meltzer and Darren J. Check as named partners.

“We are pleased to recognize Joe and Darren’s achievements, and we now have an exceptional management team to meet our clients’ evolving needs and cement our leadership position in all of our practice areas,” said David Kessler.

Meltzer leads the firm’s ERISA Litigation Department, which is lead counsel in numerous nationwide class actions brought under ERISA. He also manages the firm's Antitrust and Consumer Protection practice groups. He is an honors graduate of the University of Maryland and received his law degree with honors from Temple University School of Law.

Check concentrates his practice in the areas of securities litigation and institutional investor relations. He is the firm’s Director of Institutional Relations and runs the firm’s Business Development and Portfolio Monitoring Departments. Check is a graduate of Franklin & Marshall College where he received a degree in History, with honors. He received his law degree from Temple University School of Law.

Andrew Barroway, the firm’s founding partner, said: “Adding Joe and Darren as named partners will help ensure that our firm will maintain the professional excellence that our clients require and deserve.”

Barroway Topaz Kessler Meltzer & Check, with over 60 attorneys, represents institutional investors, both domestic and international, and has been at the forefront of class action litigation for over 20 years. Having earned a reputation for providing the highest quality of service to its clients, the firm remains focused and dedicated to advocating and protecting the rights of investors, employees and consumers worldwide, as evidenced by the following recent achievements and appointments:

- On the heels of the firm’s historic \$3.2 billion recovery for the class in *In re Tyco Securities Litigation*, the Securities Litigation Department is currently prosecuting numerous high-profile class actions relating to the subprime mortgage scandals at UBS, AIG, Lehman Brothers, Morgan Stanley, IndyMac, Thornburg and Moody’s and recently secured a \$65 million recovery from an outside auditor in *In re Tenet Healthcare Securities Litigation* (bringing the total recovery in that case to over \$275 million).
- The Derivative Litigation Department has litigated dozens of actions relating to the "backdating" of stock options, including actions brought on behalf of Comverse,

Monster Worldwide, McAfee, and Affiliated Computer Services, recovering more than \$100 million in excessive compensation and securing substantial corporate governance improvements at many of these companies.

- The ERISA Litigation Group has helped secure well over \$250 million for the benefit of pension plan participants and recently has been appointed Lead Counsel in several nationwide ERISA actions, including against Huntington Bancshares Inc., National City Corp., Ford Motor Co. and Beazer Homes USA, Inc.
- The Consumer and Antitrust Group has recently been appointed as Lead Counsel in *In re Countrywide Financial Corp Mortgage Marketing and Sales Practices Litigation* and *In re Modafinil Antitrust Litigation*.

Barroway Topaz Kessler Meltzer & Check, LLP continues to maintain its offices in Radnor, Pennsylvania, and Walnut Creek, California, and can be found online at www.btkmc.com.

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