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## **Locally grown, but nationally recognized law firm turns 25**

*Washington, D.C., firm celebrates 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, recognizing national stature, distinctive culture and commitment to diversity*

**WASHINGTON (Nov. 4, 2009)** – In 1984, attorney Larry Carr had reached his 60s – an age when most people start thinking about retirement. But Carr, now 86, wasn't slowing down. In fact, he decided to start a law firm.

Carr launched out on his own with five young attorneys and founded what is known today as Carr Maloney, a Washington, D.C., firm that specializes in complex tort and commercial litigation, professional liability representation, employment law and a range of business-related legal services. Today, that firm is celebrating a major milestone, its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and although now retired, Carr will join his younger colleagues as they reflect on the distinctive law firm he helped to create and look forward to its promising future.

The Carr firm's first noteworthy case involved a major controversy of the era – Agent Orange. The high-profile dispute settled just before reaching trial, leaving the newly created firm without its largest case. However, Carr and his group of lawyers quickly won new clients, building a solid reputation for quality legal work throughout the mid-Atlantic area.

Over time this locally grown firm garnered national recognition, as its attorneys successfully handled landmark, precedent-setting cases. Two members represented a client's interests in the issue of federal preemption before the U.S. Supreme Court by filing amicus briefs in two landmark cases. A firm member coordinated all environmental coverage litigation east of the Mississippi River for an insurance company. The firm represented religious organizations in significant property issues, including a case that resulted in the first-reported appellate decision in the country rejecting the theory of repressed memory. In representing professionals, the firm has been involved in precedent-setting cases in all three of its local jurisdictions.

The firm's success continued during economic downturns. While many law firms have made cuts in staff and salary due to the recent recession, Carr Maloney has done the opposite – increasing its ranks and pay.

Each of the firm's five senior members has been with Carr Maloney for at least 20 years. This longevity has created a unique culture within the firm – that of a commitment to doing what's best for clients and the firm, not for the individual.

“Larry's philosophy was that great lawyers are well-rounded people who enjoy working with their peers and have great relationships with their clients,” said Bill Carter, Carr Maloney's managing attorney. “We believe our clients benefit from our collegial, supportive environment. We roll our sleeves up and work hard for our clients, but we have fun while doing it.”

In the 1980s, at a time when women's ranks in the legal field were extremely thin, Carr Maloney boasted a female founding member. Today that diversity remains, with 20 percent women or minority partners and 30 percent women and minorities firm wide.

“We believe that our diversity makes our practice of law more distinctive, creative and successful,” Carter said. “Employees with different backgrounds and experiences bring valuable perspectives and insights to the firm and ultimately our clients.”

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**About Carr Maloney**

Founded in 1984 and established on the basis of superior client services, Carr Maloney is a regional law firm serving the mid-Atlantic with offices in Washington, D.C., Maryland and Virginia. Serving as advisors, counselors, and litigators, the firm uses its attorneys' combined experience to meet its clients' needs and goals. The firm's diverse areas of practice include appellate law, business law, commercial litigation, civil rights, complex litigation, toxic and mass tort, professional liability, employment and labor law, trusts and estates litigation, construction and insurance coverage. For more information, visit [www.carmaloney.com](http://www.carmaloney.com).