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Barney & Barney Named “Best Place to Work” in San Diego *The 100-year-old Insurance Brokerage Takes Top Honors in Large Business Category*

SAN DIEGO – May 21, 2009 - Barney & Barney LLC, San Diego's largest and oldest privately-held insurance brokerage, took top honors in the Large Business Category as one of San Diego's “Best Places to Work”, an awards program hosted by the *San Diego Business Journal*.

The award rankings were based largely on the results of anonymous employee surveys that assessed how associates feel with regard to leadership; communication; work environment; training and development; benefits and pay; and more.

“This is a great honor, and we’re thrilled. As an owner of the company, of course I believe that we’re doing things right and that our associates enjoy the work they do – and it’s nice to get real validation of that from our associates. Nearly all of our associates took the anonymous survey, so we’re very proud of the results,” said Paul Hering, Managing Principal and CEO of Barney & Barney.

“Given that we’re getting this kind of feedback during our centennial year and at a time when the economy is tough and our country’s workforce morale is low, this is great news for Barney & Barney. As a privately-held company, we are able to stay focused on two things: our clients and our associates, knowing that higher employee satisfaction has a direct result on client care. We continue to thrive, we continue to take care of our associates, and we continue to hire top talent.”

“We commit resources to enriching our associate’s experience by involving them in the business decisions of our company as well as supporting their desire for a balanced life. This brings about a collaborative, team-based atmosphere which exudes the pride and passion for achieving personal, business and client goals,” Mr. Hering concluded.

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