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**RICHARDSON PLOWDEN ATTORNEYS AWARDED
FOR OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERISM**

COLUMBIA, S.C., May 18, 2007 – Richardson, Plowden, Carpenter & Robinson, P.A. attorneys, Steven W. Hamm and Jo Anne Wessinger Hill, have been awarded the 2007 Robert D. Spencer Award for outstanding volunteer advocacy by the Protection and Advocacy for People with Disabilities, Inc.

The Robert D. Spencer Volunteer Award is given each year to individuals who have provided outstanding volunteer advocacy. First presented in 1979, the award is named for Mr. Robert Spencer's extensive accomplishments as a volunteer.

Hamm and Hill were recognized for their pro bono defense of the Protection and Advocacy for People with Disabilities, Inc., and 11 plaintiffs in a lawsuit against the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs.

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A Richardson Plowden shareholder, Hamm focuses his practice on administrative and regulatory law, appellate practice, banking, elections law, and legislative and governmental relations. Also a shareholder, Hill focuses her practice on administrative and regulatory law, elections law, insurance defense, legislative and governmental relations, and workers' compensation defense.

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