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**MHBT'S RYAN BOWLES RECEIVES
CHARLIE SAMMONS SERVICE LEADERSHIP AWARD
FROM INDEPENDENT INSURANCE AGENTS OF DALLAS**

DALLAS – May 27, 2008 – McQueary Henry Bowles Troy, L.L.P. (MHBT), one of the largest privately owned insurance and risk management firms in the U.S., announced today that **Ryan Bowles, CIC, CRM** a vice president in the property and casualty group of the firm's Dallas office, recently received the Charlie Sammons Service Leadership Award from the Independent Insurance Agents of Dallas (IIAD). Bowles has been a member of the IIAD since 2000, most currently serving as the past chairman of the Young Agents Leadership Committee.

“The Independent Insurance Agents of Dallas has a phenomenal group of talented insurance professionals, and we are extremely proud of Ryan for earning this distinguished honor,” said Bill Henry, chairman and CEO of MHBT. “Ryan’s exceptional client service skills and leadership at MHBT make a strong impression every day with our clients and our industry peers, as recognized by this formal honor.”

“I was pleased to see Ryan win this year’s award,” said Carol Kull, executive director for IIAD of Dallas. “It’s always nice to see someone recognized by their peers for outstanding leadership and service.”

Originally given for the first time in 2000 as the Young Agent of the Year Award, in 2005 the name was changed to the Charlie Sammons Service Leadership Award in honor of Sammons for all of the outstanding contributions he gave during his professional career to young agents. To earn the award, nominations are narrowed down to three candidates by the IIAD Young Agents Committee, which currently has more than 50 members. The winner is then selected by a subcommittee comprised of the previous year’s winner, the current Chair of the Committee and the IIAD Executive Director. Bowles is the 8th recipient of the award.

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Incorporated in 1930, the IIAD traces its roots to the Dallas board of Fire Underwriters, which was founded in 1883. It is the oldest trade association in Dallas County. For more information, visit www.iidallas.org or call 214-360-0666.

Bowles has 10 years of experience in the insurance and risk management industry, focusing his expertise on challenging casualty exposures. He joined MHBT in 2000 as the third generation of Bowles family members to serve MHBT's clients and has since developed a practice in serving a variety of commercial clients. Bowles received his bachelor's degree from Austin College, with a major in English. He also trained at the CGU Producer Development School, where he graduated at the top of his class.

Bowles is a Certified Insurance Counselor (CIC), a Certified Risk Manager (CRM) and is pursuing the Chartered Property & Casualty Underwriter (CPCU) accreditation. He is one of eight agents selected by the Independent Insurance Agents of Texas (IIAT) to serve on the State Advisory Council and has been invited for the past two years to the IIABA National Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C.

In addition to his membership and leadership positions with IIAD, Bowles is actively involved in several professional and community organizations, including serving on the Board of Directors for the Lake Highlands Family YMCA, the State Board of Directors for the Texas Youth & Government, as well as the City of Dallas Permit and License Appeals Board. Bowles is also chairman of the Presbyterian Healthcare Foundation's PHorum and is also a 2006 alumni of Leadership Dallas.

About MHBT

MHBT is based in Dallas and also has offices in Fort Worth and Austin, Texas. MHBT and its precursors have offered global insurance and bonds since 1926, and today, the firm offers commercial insurance and risk management services, employee benefits, commercial and construction surety bond services, personal lines insurance and specialized services. For the past seven years, *Business Insurance* magazine has ranked MHBT as one of the top 100 commercial insurance firms in the United States, and in 2006, MHBT was a finalist for the *National Underwriter* Commercial Insurance Agency of the Year Award. For more information, please visit the firm's Web site at www.mhbt.com or call 800-443-0185.

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