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Chamber announces 2009 Board of Directors leadership

Durham, NC - The Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce its 2009 Board of Directors chairman and chairman-elect. The Chamber's board consists of community and business leaders throughout the Triangle region. The Board of Directors serves collectively as the governing body for the Chamber and is responsible for helping shape the Chamber's strategic objectives for the year, as well as supporting the Chamber's daily activities and ensuring the Chamber's needs are met to support Durham's vibrant business community.

The 2009 Board of Directors chairman is Keith Burns, an attorney with Morris, Manning and Martin, LLP. Chair-Elect is Anthony Pugliese, Senior Vice President – Finance, Membership & Operations for the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). They will begin their leadership roles on January 1, 2009.

"Keith and Tony have been working very closely with the Chamber's staff over the last several months in a variety of leadership capacities, and are well positioned to represent the interests of the Durham business community," said Casey Steinbacher, the Chamber's president & CEO. "We are incredibly lucky to have such enlightened leadership ready to take the helm."

Keith D. Burns is Of Counsel in Morris, Manning and Martin's Real Estate Development and Finance, Corporate, Commercial Lending and Mergers & Acquisitions Practices and manages the Raleigh-Durham office. Burns provides a full range of legal services to businesses and their owners regarding the formation of LLCs, corporations, and partnerships and various business transactions.

Burns often speaks on issues related to business and real estate law and is a contributing author for the West Group Practice Guide to North Carolina Evidence. He has received several honors and recognitions including Top 40 Under 40 by the Triangle Business Journal, Section Fellow for the American Bar Association and chair of the Durham County Habitat for Humanity and the Durham County Meals on Wheels.

Burns received a Juris Doctorate from the Wake Forest University School of Law and a bachelor's degree for the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Anthony J. Pugliese, CPA, CITP is Senior Vice President of Finance, Membership & Operations for the 350,000 member American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), the national professional association of CPAs.. His responsibilities encompass finance and accounting, member service and operations, membership



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marketing, outreach to academics and students, information technology, purchasing and payroll. Pugliese supervised the 2006 relocation of the AICPA's operations to Durham.

Pugliese previously was Vice President – Business Reporting and Member Specialization. He joined the AICPA in 1997 as Senior Technical Manager in Practice Monitoring, and a year later became Director - Assurance Services.

Pugliese received a bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of North Florida.

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About the Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce:

The Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce is Durham County's leading business organization, serving more than 1,000 business, government agency and non-profit member firms. Through its community collaboration, programs and activities, the Chamber strives to help create and sustain a healthy economic climate ensuring that Durham is a great place to live, work and play. The Chamber also serves as the economic development entity for Durham County. In the last decade, the Chamber's economic development efforts have assisted numerous companies relocate operations or expand current operations in Durham, resulting in more than \$3.3 billion of investment in Durham and thousands of jobs.