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### **Mark J. Nelson and Richard Armstrong Join Lenhart Obenshain** Charlottesville office welcomes seasoned attorneys to its roster.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (February 1, 2008)—Lenhart Obenshain Attorneys at Law is pleased to announce that Mark J. Nelson and Richard Armstrong have joined the firm in its Charlottesville office.

**Mark J. Nelson** has served as counsel to businesses at all stages—from deciding which entity to use, forming the entity, and assisting with ownership arrangements to serving as general counsel on issues such as general tax, employment and intellectual property and drafting a broad range of contracts. Mark regularly represents clients in the sale or purchase of businesses, including stock and asset transactions. He also provides general corporate and LLC maintenance services and has significant experience in franchising. After working for a number of years in both private and public accounting, including three years as an auditor with Arthur Andersen & Co., Mark brings an extensive background in accounting and business.

A licensed CPA, Mark received his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Virginia and graduated from the University of South Florida with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration. Mark was recently elected to the Board of Directors of the Charlottesville-Albemarle Bar Association and has served on the Board of Directors and Executive Committee of the Charlottesville Chamber of Commerce, including service as the Chairman of the Board in 2005.

**Richard Armstrong** has extensive experience litigating complex legal and factual cases in both Virginia and New York. His strong advocacy skills and ability to distill complex legal arguments led to his inclusion as a frequent commentator on Court TV. He has also supervised and trained newer lawyers in trial practice. His practice remains concentrated in the areas of personal injury, wrongful death, and general litigation and he enjoys assisting clients to find justice in the courts and through alternative dispute resolution.

A graduate of Albemarle High School, Richard completed both his undergraduate work and Juris Doctor degree at the University of Virginia. He returned to the law school in 2000 where he taught in the clinical program before returning to private practice. Richard has achieved significant jury verdicts and appellate success including victories in the Supreme Court of Virginia and the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit that not only benefited his clients but also influenced the law in Virginia. A 2006 wrongful death verdict was named by the *Virginia Lawyers Weekly* as one of the top verdicts in Virginia for that year.

Nancy R. Schlichting, Managing Partner of the firm's Charlottesville office says, "We are very pleased to have such seasoned and accomplished attorneys join in the expansion of our law firm. They know and understand the Charlottesville/Albemarle community and are committed to providing exceptional legal services to its members."

Lenhart Obenshain provides value-added legal services to businesses, their owners and investors, institutional clients and individuals. Neither boutique nor behemoth, Lenhart Obenshain strives to provide sophisticated legal expertise and practical advice in a client-centric, entrepreneurial environment. Lenhart Obenshain serves clients from offices in Harrisonburg and Charlottesville, Virginia.