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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Mike Goral, J.D., LL.M. Joins Berenfeld, Spritzer, Shechter & Sheer As a Principal**

**FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla.** – (March 26, 2007) — Berenfeld, Spritzer, Shechter & Sheer (Berenfeld Spritzer), one of South Florida’s largest accounting firms, is proud to welcome Mike Goral, J.D., LL.M. as a Principal in the Tax department of the firm’s Fort Lauderdale office.

Mr. Goral comes to Berenfeld Spritzer after serving five years as the Southwest Regional Director of BDO Seidman LLP in Dallas, Texas. Before that, he was a Partner with Belew Averitt, LLP from 1999 until the firm was sold to BDO Seidman in 2001. Mr. Goral’s twenty-year career also includes positions with some of the most recognized accounting firms in the country including KPMG Peat Marwick (Washington, D.C.) and Arthur Anderson & Co. (Atlanta, GA and Dallas, TX).

In addition, Mr. Goral worked as Tax Counsel for the Multistate Tax Commission (MTC), National Nexus Program in Washington, D.C. from 1993 – 1996. His responsibilities involved negotiating and coordinating various settlement agreements between taxpayers and member states as well as serving as Director of nexus investigations for member states. He also assisted General Counsel on selected legal matters. Among his accomplishments with the MTC, Mr. Goral was the co-author of the MTC’s U.S. Supreme Court *amicus curiae* brief in *Associated Industries of Missouri v. Director of Revenue*, No. 93-379, \_\_\_ U.S. \_\_\_ (1994).

“Mike’s exceptional experience in law and taxation make him a perfect addition to our firm,” said Walter “Butch” Gelnovatch, Managing Partner of Berenfeld Spritzer. “We’re looking forward to having him take a leadership role in our Tax department,” he added.

Mr. Goral, who earned his Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics and psychology from the University of Alabama, a Juris Doctorate Degree from the Cumberland School of Law and LL.M. degree in Taxation from Emory University, is a member of several prestigious professional organizations including the Institute for Professionals in Taxation and the Hospitality Financial and Technology Professionals among others. Mr. Goral is also a frequent speaker at numerous state tax conferences including the Southeastern Association of Tax Administrators.

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