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### **LLF LAWYERS AND HOWELL FLEMING COMBINE LAW PRACTICES**

Peterborough, Ontario (December 16, 2011) - LLF Lawyers and Howell Fleming will be combining law practices in 2012 to form the largest full-service law firm in the region. The combined law practice will continue under the LLF Lawyers name.

“It will be a privilege to continue the long and well-regarded tradition of the Howell Fleming firm,” said Bill Lockington, Partner, LLF Lawyers. “They have a long history of providing exemplary advice and service to their clients and our firm operates with the same guiding principles. We will be in the position to provide clients with an even greater scope of expertise based on the combined experience of both firms.”

Howell Fleming will continue to operate from its Water St. premises through the first half of 2012, with the move to expanded LLF Lawyers premises on Aylmer St. scheduled for the summer months.

“The combining of practices with LLF Lawyers was opportune for the clients of Howell Fleming and their partners,” comments Howell Fleming’s Bob Pakenham. “The change just made sense. It allows us to continue to provide a full scope of high quality service to our current client base following the retirement of senior partners Don White, Ed Wood and John Nichols in 2012. As our colleagues leave the firm, partners Garry Rishor, Jane Rutherford and myself will be proud to work with LLF Lawyers, who share our commitment to the profession, clients and the community. Howell Fleming has been part of the community for over 100 years and we look forward to creating a new history with LLF Lawyers.”

LLF Lawyers began as a 3-lawyer firm in 1991. Founded by Bill Lockington, Peter Lawless and Bruce Fitzpatrick, the firm has added 4 partners and 6 associate lawyers and is supported by a staff of 24 employees. The firm provides specialized legal services in the areas of business law, real estate, dispute resolution, personal injury litigation and personal planning to businesses, organizations, institutions, professionals and individuals across Central Ontario.

Howell Fleming is one of the oldest law firms in Central Ontario, with continuous service at the same address dating back to the 1880’s. It has been the home of many capable partners and the source of an illustrious judiciary over the decades. Howell Fleming provides services in the following practice areas: Business Law, Real Estate and Property Law, Family Law, Municipal Law, Employment Law, Litigation and Wills and Estates Law.

The combining of the practice areas of the two firms is unique to the region. This alliance was born of a common desire among the partners of both firms to enhance the ability to better serve existing clients, attract new clients and further develop and refine key practice areas.

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