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Butler Snow Law Firm Donates \$100,000 to the Frist Center for the Visual Arts

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NASHVILLE, Tenn., June 26, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- **Butler, Snow, O'Mara, Stevens & Cannada, PLLC** -- which recently expanded its Nashville office by nearly 40 attorneys -- today donated \$100,000 to the Frist Center for the Visual Arts, reinforcing the firm's community involvement as it grows its presence in the city.

"We are committed to strengthening Nashville's thriving and innovative business culture through our team of attorneys in Middle Tennessee," said Donald Clark, Jr., chairman of Butler Snow. "Fostering a rich culture of arts and community involvement is a hallmark of our firm. We are proud of what The Frist Center for the Visual Arts has become for Nashville, the state and the nation."

Tenn. Gov. Bill Haslam, Nashville Mayor Karl Dean, former Miss. Gov. Haley Barbour, former U.S. Rep. John Tanner and other officials attended an event called "Embracing the Arts, Impacting the Community" at the Frist Center, which celebrated Butler Snow's Nashville expansion and growing roots in the city. Clark and Dan H. Elrod, a leading member of Butler Snow's Nashville team, presented the check to Susan H. Edwards, executive director and chief executive officer of the Frist Center. Business leaders, community representatives and dignitaries also attended the event.

"Having a healthy arts culture helps build robust communities throughout Tennessee, and this generous commitment from Butler Snow will help keep Nashville and our state on the leading edge of the arts nationwide," Haslam said.

"This was a significant reason that we were drawn to Butler Snow," Elrod said. "Butler Snow has a great heritage of embracing the arts and enriching the communities where we serve, and we are glad to be leading this charge in Nashville."

The \$100,000 donation will be used to broaden the Frist Center's outreach globally.

"We are thrilled to be part of Butler Snow's vision of embracing the arts and serving the community, and this incredibly gracious donation will open the world of art for generations to come," said Frist Center Executive Director and CEO Susan H. Edwards, Ph.D. "The Frist is proud to join with this visionary law firm as it strengthens our city's rich culture and continues to position our exhibition center as a leading visual arts gallery worldwide."

Butler Snow recently expanded its Nashville office, as 37 attorneys joined the firm, bringing the total number of attorneys in Tennessee to almost 100. With this expansion, Butler Snow became one of the largest firms in the state and among the largest in the country, with more than 220 attorneys practicing in 12 offices nationwide. The firm was recently ranked by *The National Law Journal* 250 -- an annual survey of the country's largest law firms.

About Butler Snow

Butler, Snow, O'Mara, Stevens & Cannada, PLLC, is a full-service law firm representing local, regional, national and international clients from offices in Birmingham and Montgomery, AL; Greater Jackson, Bay St. Louis, Gulfport and Oxford, MS; Nashville and Memphis, TN; Baton Rouge and New Orleans, LA; and Fort Washington and Bethlehem, PA. For more information, visit www.buttersnow.com.

About the Frist Center

Accredited by the American Association of Museums, the Frist Center for the Visual Arts, located at 919 Broadway in downtown Nashville, Tenn., is an art exhibition center dedicated to presenting the finest visual art from local, regional, U.S. and international sources in a program of changing exhibitions. The Frist Center's Martin ArtQuest Gallery features interactive stations relating to Frist Center exhibitions. Gallery admission to the Frist Center is free for visitors 18 and younger and to Frist Center members. Frist Center admission is \$10.00 for adults and \$7.00 for seniors, military and college students with ID. College students are admitted free Thursday and Friday evenings (with the exception of Frist Fridays), 5-9 p.m. Discounts are offered for groups of 10 or more with advance reservation by calling (615) 744-3247. The Frist Center is open seven days a week: Mondays through Wednesdays, and Saturdays, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; and Sundays, 1-5:30 p.m., with the Frist Center Cafe opening at noon. Additional information is available by calling (615) 244-3340 or by visiting our website at <http://www.fristcenter.org>.

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