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## O'Malley & Associates named Corporate Partner of the year

CHICAGO, IL— O'Malley & Associates (O'Malley), a Downers Grove local office of The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America (Guardian), New York, NY was recognized as a *Corporate Partner of the Year by the Chicago Chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO)* for the National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO). The award was presented to O'Malley at the Chicago Athletic Association, Chicago, IL, during a special breakfast meeting on November 2, 2006.

Annette Hammortree, founding principal, accepted the award for O'Malley & Associates. "One of the reasons we chose to become a member of NAWBO was because we understand the challenges women in business face," Annette said in her acceptance speech. "Our organization is in the financial services business which is, and always has been, a very male dominated business. Yet O'Malley & Associates is comprised of more than 50% women professionals, with three of them being mothers of special needs children."

Annette added that "We also feel our vision is very similar to that of NAWBO's. When we formed our partnership at O'Malley & Associates we had a vision: "One Team Creating the Ultimate Financial Experience". We created our corporation so that everyone is an owner, at all levels, and everyone can share in the growth of the corporation. We realize that by sharing our unique abilities and leveraging our strengths we bring more value to the clients we serve. This is very similar to NAWBO, an organization that

has brought all of us together, to share our unique abilities, to foster growth, to help us build strategic alliances, and to create innovative and effective changes in the business culture."

National Association of Women Business Owners® (NAWBO®) is the voice of America's 10.6 million women-owned businesses. Since 1975, NAWBO has helped women evolve their businesses by sharing resources and providing a single voice to shape economic and public policy. National Association of Women Business Owners is the only dues-based national organization representing the interests of all women entrepreneurs across all industries. NAWBO Chicago, among the largest of the organization's more than 80 chapters, offers a wealth of opportunities ranging from contacts and networking to learning, advocacy and growth.

O'Malley & Associates offers a unique umbrella of financial care services dedicated to their clients' success. Committed to maximizing their clients' financial potential, O'Malley & Associates finds the best solutions for protecting business assets and ensuring the future well being of a business and its successors. To accomplish this, O'Malley & Associates has assembled "One Team" of industry specialists in business planning, employee benefits, financial education, estate analysis, investments, business insurance, professional development and marketing under one umbrella. Headquartered in Downers Grove, the firm has additional offices in Crystal Lake, IL and several locations in Wisconsin.

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