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**DEEB, PETRAKIS, BLUM & MURPHY PRESENTS SEMINAR ON
LEGAL ISSUES FOR NONPROFIT ARTS ORGANIZATIONS**

(Philadelphia, PA., November 23, 2009) – Attorneys from Deeb, Petrakis, Blum & Murphy, P.C. today presented a seminar through the Arts and Business Council of Greater Philadelphia entitled, “Out Out of the Frying Pan & Avoiding the Fire: Hot Legal Issues for Nonprofit Arts Organizations.” Directors from more than 25 regional arts organizations attended to learn about legal issues facing them, from employment law and real estate contracts, to organizational restructuring,

“These economic times are particularly challenging for non-profit organizations who operate with limited reserves,” said Stephen H. Frishberg, a partner at Deeb, Petrakis, Blum & Murphy who served on the panel with fellow partners Joseph H. Blum and Inez M. Markovich. “It’s easy to make a misstep if you’re not aware of the legal ramifications of managing layoffs or defaulting on a lease. In addition, there are legal options that can help an organization manage its debt successfully and get through the tough times.”

In celebration of its 20th anniversary this year, the law firm of Deeb, Petrakis, Blum & Murphy, P.C. (<http://www.dpattorneys.com/>) formed a partnership with the Arts & Business Council of Greater Philadelphia through the organization’s Philadelphia Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts (PVLA) program. Attorneys from the firm will engage in

at least 100 hours of pro bono legal services a year for low-income artists and arts organizations in the Greater Philadelphia region. Deeb, Petrakis, Blum & Murphy is the first law firm to partner with the Council to provide extensive firm resources to the PVLA program.

About Deeb Petrakis Blum & Murphy, PC

Founded in 1989, Deeb, Petrakis, Blum & Murphy, P.C. is a full-service law firm with headquarters in Center City Philadelphia and offices in Cherry Hill, NJ. Celebrating its 20th year in 2009, the 30-person firm offers legal services spanning commercial litigation, representation of lenders in documentation of commercial loan transactions and work-out efforts following defaults, construction and real estate law, employment law, bankruptcy, and estate planning. The firm delivers collaborative senior-level personal service, innovative technology, insightful research, and expert legal thinking dedicated to its clients' success.

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