

Scott J. Stitt Named to 'Forty Under 40' By Business First of Columbus

May 1, 2009 (Columbus, OH) – *Business First of Columbus* has selected Scott J. Stitt, attorney with James E. Arnold & Associates, LPA, as a "Forty Under 40" honoree. Forty accomplished professionals in the fields of business, government and non-profit under age 40 were chosen from a field of 200 nominees who demonstrated drive and commitment to their profession and participated in active leadership roles within their communities.

"It's very humbling to be selected and a tremendous honor," said Stitt. "When I look at former 'Forty Under 40' recipients who've all done remarkable things in Columbus, I feel not only honored to be on the list, but also inspired to live up to the standard they've already set."

Scott's positive influence in the legal community is well known and highly respected. As an attorney for James E. Arnold & Associates, LPA, he represents a wide cross-section of parties including corporations, fiduciaries, physicians and medical practice groups, as well as individuals in a variety of business litigation matters. A primary emphasis of Scott's practice focuses on claims arising under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA). In addition, Scott's general business litigation practice includes representation of plaintiffs and defendants in both state and federal court, including claims for breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty, wrongful discharge, the misappropriation of trade secrets and other employment and health-related claims.

As a volunteer for the legal community, Scott has devoted hundreds of speaker hours regularly addressing the Ohio State Bar Association and the Ohio/Kentucky Chapter of The ESOP Association (an organization that supports employee ownership through employee stock ownership plans, or "ESOPs"), among many others. Scott is an active member of The ESOP Association, the National Center for Employee Ownership and the Ohio Employee Ownership Center, where his ERISA litigation practice includes extensive experience with ESOP representation.

Scott proudly serves as a member of the Columbus Bar Association's Judicial Screening Committee; the Federal Bar Association; The Franklin Inn of Court; and many others. He earned his Juris Doctor Degree, with honors, from The Ohio State University's Moritz College of Law and his Bachelor of Arts from Boston University. In addition to his "Forty Under 40" distinction, Scott's work in the legal field earned him recognition as a 2007 and 2009 "Ohio Rising Star" by *Law & Politics* magazine.

"Scott's unparalleled support of his clients, the legal profession and aspiring new lawyers is incredibly impressive and tireless," said James E. Arnold. "He is one of the most talented, professional and ethical attorneys I have had the pleasure to work with. His ability to grasp difficult issues and aggressively and competently represent his clients is virtually unprecedented for a young attorney. A look at Scott's past successes portends a great future for this young lawyer."

About James E. Arnold & Associates, LPA

James E. Arnold & Associates, LPA specializes in trial practice for a diverse client base including individual, corporate and non-profit clients. In the past several years, the firm's lawyers have obtained numerous multi-million dollar verdicts. James E. Arnold & Associates, LPA attorneys are regularly recognized for excellence by clients and peers in national publications, including *Best Lawyers in America* and *Super Lawyers*. For more information about James E. Arnold & Associates, LPA, visit www.arnlaw.com.