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**GILBERT-KRUPIN EXPANDS TO RICHMOND, VIRGINIA
TO BETTER SERVICE GROWING EAST COAST CLIENT BASE**

(Beverly Hills, CA - Dec. 19, 2005) - Gilbert-Krupin today announced that it has opened an office in Richmond, VA so that it could be closer and provide better personal service to its east coast clients. Barry Myers, a former managing partner for another insurance firm in Richmond, has joined Gilbert-Krupin to head that office and manage the majority of the more than one thousand clients on the east coast.

“We are very excited to reconnect and get back into the Richmond market where my original practice began,” said Mike Krupin, Partner for the Beverly Hills based insurance firm. “Barry Myers and I have known and worked with each other since 1979 and he is a welcome addition to our firm. We are very excited and honored to have him due to his experience and commitment to the business.”

Managing Partner, Bryan Krupin, adds, “Having this office open with Barry further certifies our commitment of providing a high level of service and advice to our clients. It is important that the people within our firm continue to steer our reputation as a financial services leader and Barry Myers surely fits that profile.”

Myers and his wife are long time residents of Richmond. He has been in the insurance business since 1972, and like Mike Krupin, he is also a Chartered Life Underwriter and can provide guidance on a broad range of financial services and insurance topics.

Myers stated, “I am thrilled to be a part of Gilbert-Krupin and have the opportunity of working closely with Mike Krupin, Bryan Krupin and Dennis Gilbert. Gilbert-Krupin has consistently proven to be among the nation’s leading firms with tremendous knowledge, expertise, and superior product offerings and ideas earned through years of focused experience.”

About Gilbert-Krupin

With over 80 years of combined experience and access to more than 50 insurance and financial companies, Gilbert-Krupin is committed to providing clients all over the United States with the best service and most comprehensive insurance planning and wealth transfer strategies. Many of the nation’s largest law firms, accounting firms and business management firms rely on Gilbert-Krupin to meet their clients' insurance and financial needs. Clients range from executives and high net worth families to some of the world's most well-known athletes and entertainers. Securities products are offered through an unaffiliated broker-dealer, AXA Advisors, LLC (member SIPC). For more information about Gilbert-Krupin visit <http://www.gilbert-krupin.com/>.

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