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**Immediate Release**

**Alexandria Law Firm Touts 17-Year History with Scottish Christmas Walk**

**Alexandria, VA (November 30, 2009)** . . . Organizing and marching in parades has become a way of life for one Alexandria law firm. Since 1992, MercerTrigiani has developed a long and diverse tradition in sponsoring the city's annual Scottish Christmas Walk Weekend. Both attorneys and staff have supported the popular holiday event - taking on key roles from parade chair to parade commentator.

This Saturday, Michael Zupan, a MercerTrigiani attorney, will temporarily set aside his keen litigation skills as he dons a ruby red suit and hat to prepare for his role of Santa Claus in the 39th Annual Scottish Christmas Parade. As the parade's guest of honor, Zupan will greet the community from atop a fire truck during the parade's finale. Playing the "jolly old elf" is becoming a MercerTrigiani holiday tradition - last year, firm principal, David Mercer played Santa in the holiday parade.

In addition to promoting the parade, members of the firm also serve in volunteer leadership positions for The Campagna Center, hosting organization of the Scottish Christmas Walk. This year Mercer and his wife, Nell, will ride in the parade as co-chairs of the Circle 1000, the fundraising group for the Campagna Center.

To schedule a pre-event interview with a member of the MercerTrigiani team, contact Patricia Hassard at 804-320-4959. A timeline of contributions follows:

Timeline of MercerTrigiani participation of the Scottish Christmas Walk:

**1992 and 1993** - Pia Trigiani, firm principal, serves as committee chair for the Marketplace for the Scottish Christmas Walk Weekend.

**1996-2000** – Pia Trigiani serves as commentator for the parade's broadcast of the event.

**1996 and 1997** - Francesca Trigiani Noone, administrative director, serves as the chairman for Scottish Christmas Walk parade.

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**1998** - Francesca Trigiani Noone serves as chairman of the Scottish Christmas Walk Weekend.

**2000** - Adriana Trigiani, popular Virginia author and sister to Pia and Checka, serves as the Grand Marshall of Scottish Christmas Parade.

**2000-2001** - David Mercer serves as board president of the Campagna Center, the annual host of the parade.

**2000-2001** – Francesca Trigiani Noone serves as chair of Junior Friends of the Campagna Center, fundraising arm of organization responsible for the production of the Scottish Christmas Walk Weekend.

**2003** - Kristin Jackson, paralegal, serves as co-chair of the Scottish Christmas Walk.

**2005-2006** - David Mercer volunteers in the Campagna Center's Book Buddies Program.

**2007-2009** - Jeremy Moss, associate, volunteers with the Campagna Center's "Write to Read" program and starting the Center's new "Book Cub."

**2008** - David Mercer plays Santa Claus in the Scottish Christmas Parade.

**2008 - Present** – Francesca Trigiani Noone serves as member of the Board of Directors of the Campagna Center.

**2009 - Present** - Pia Trigiani serves a member of the Campagna Center's Business Leadership Council.

**2009** - David Mercer and his wife, Nell, serve as co-chairs of "Circle of 1000" and will ride in an antique car in the Scottish Christmas Parade.

**2009** - MercerTrigiani attorney, Mike Zupan, will guest as Santa Claus in the Scottish Christmas Parade.

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