

Press Release

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***Ewing Bemiss & Co. Hires James Gilmore as Director
in Healthcare Group***

Richmond, Virginia – September 29, 2006 *Ewing Bemiss & Co.* is pleased to announce that James A. Gilmore has joined the firm as Director to focus on the company’s healthcare practice. Mr. Gilmore was previously with Edgeview Partners, a middle market investment banking firm, where he was responsible for that firm’s healthcare transactions. Prior to that experience, he was a vice president with Townsend Frew & Co., a healthcare specialist investment banking firm, where he founded that firm’s pharmaceutical services group.

Ewing Bemiss Managing Director, Sam Bemiss, said, “James brings nine years of investment banking experience and extensive healthcare industry knowledge to Ewing Bemiss. Healthcare has always been an important sector for us, and James’ experience in providing a high level of client service to middle market companies in the healthcare sector makes him a natural fit for us. We are delighted to welcome him to the firm.”

James Gilmore commented, “I am excited to join the Ewing Bemiss team. I was eager to join a firm with a strong reputation in the middle market and a strong presence in healthcare. I look forward to contributing to the firm’s continued success.”

For more than nine years Mr. Gilmore has focused exclusively on serving middle market healthcare companies including founder-owned businesses, portfolio companies of private equity groups, and divisions of large corporations. He has advised on numerous domestic and cross border sale assignments, private placements, and various strategic advisory engagements. His healthcare industry experience includes pharmaceutical services, healthcare services, medical products and distribution, healthcare information technology, and life sciences.

Mr. Gilmore is a graduate of the University of Virginia with a bachelors of arts degree in economics and mathematics. He earned his masters of business administration degree from the Kenan-Flagler Business School at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Ewing Bemiss & Co. is a financial advisory firm focused on delivering superior service and optimal results to middle market companies (\$10 - \$200 million in value). Since its 1992 founding, it has brought to bear its extensive transaction experience and relationship orientation for the benefit of clients in numerous manufacturing and services sectors. Ewing Bemiss & Co.'s core services include: Mergers and Acquisitions Advisory (sell side, buy side, fairness opinions), Private Financings (equity, subordinated debt, senior debt) and Advisory Services (strategic, valuations, financial restructurings).

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