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TWO OF UNION COUNTY'S MOST PROMINENT LAW FIRMS HAVE MERGED

Westfield, New Jersey, September 13, 2006 – The law firms of **Lindabury, McCormick & Estabrook, P.A.**, headquartered in Westfield, and **Cooper, Rose & English, LLP**, headquartered in Summit, announced today that they have merged to form the law firm of Lindabury, McCormick, Estabrook & Cooper, P.C.

The combined firm is the largest general practice firm in Union County and one of the largest in the state. It has 64 attorneys, more than 120 employees and offices in Westfield, Summit, Rumson, New York and Philadelphia. The firm provides legal services to individuals, businesses and other entities in the private, public and nonprofit sectors.

“This merger is a sign of the growth pattern our firm has been following and will continue to follow,” said John R. Blasi, the president of the firm. “Cooper, Rose and English is a highly regarded firm in this state. It is a solid merger partner that will combine very well with the practice we have been building over the last five decades.”

“The merger is clearly a win-win for both firms,” said Peter M. Burke, the managing partner of Cooper, Rose and English. “We have similarities in business and culture that will help the two firms become more than the sum of the two parts. This is a great opportunity for a leading Summit and leading Westfield firm to serve clients with greater depth and capabilities.”

The firms closed on the merger on September 1. The main office for the new firm will be in Westfield.

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