

## News Release

### **Barriston LLP, Emerges As Simcoe County's Largest Full Service Law Firm**

#### **For Immediate Release**

Barrie, ON - October 3, 2011 - Effective, October 1, 2011, Burgar Rowe Professional Corporation and Purser Dooley Cockburn Smith LLP, two of the most respected law firms in the region have merged and rebranded to become Barriston LLP (Barriston), the largest law firm north of the Greater Toronto Area.

Both firms have longstanding histories, support for community values and a shared vision of providing quality legal services. Their complementary service offerings, size, values, culture and commitment to client service excellence provided a tremendous opportunity for growth. The merger gives clients access to a greater diversity of legal services, a larger pool of talent, expertise and experience.

Scott Fairley, Partner and member of the merger management team, believes that the existing and future clients of Barriston will benefit from the firm's top talent, expertise and full range of legal services. "The merger creates a firm that is unique in the region, which can serve clients who have always chosen local legal representation as well as those who might have otherwise felt it necessary to go to Toronto," said Fairley.

Jim McIntosh, also a Partner and member of the merger management team is encouraged by the firm's potential in our growing community. "The creation of this new partnership was borne of a common desire among the partners of both of the former firms to enhance our ability to serve our clients, attract new clients and further develop and refine key practice areas," said McIntosh.

The partnership consists of the ten former partners of Burgar Rowe Professional Corporation and the six former partners of Purser Dooley Cockburn Smith LLP. Combined, the new firm now has 37 practising lawyers including the partners and one licensed paralegal. In all, Barriston's lawyer and staff compliment in their Barrie and Bracebridge offices is 105.

Barriston's goal is to be one of the top law firms at which to work in Canada attracting top talent and clients.



## About Barriston LLP

Barriston LLP is Simcoe County/Muskoka area's largest full service law firm, providing a comprehensive range of legal services by highly skilled professionals. Barriston has one of the top corporate and business law groups in the region and several certified specialists in corporate and commercial law. Barriston's litigation practice group demonstrates expertise covering broad areas of commercial, civil and municipal litigation as well as construction lien work and debt recovery. Barriston represents the needs of family law clients with the largest group of family law practitioners north of the GTA in matters including marital and relationship breakdowns, custody and access disputes, adoptions, child welfare cases and contracts for marriage and cohabitation. Barriston's municipal and expropriation law practice group, which continues to grow, represents over 14 cities, districts and municipalities north of Toronto.

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