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**Abington resident Jim Clarkson named shareholder and principal at Needel, Welch & Stone, P.C.**

ROCKLAND, MA, ISSUED JULY 28 2006...James (Jim) H. Clarkson, a South Shore native, has been named a shareholder and principal at Needel, Welch & Stone, P.C. (NWS). Clarkson joins James Welch, Kevin White, James Bailey and John (Jake) Lynch in this role.

Most recently, Clarkson's responsibilities included the firm's sister division New England Systems and Solutions, LLC (NESS), which provides accounting and fundraising software and training for not-for-profit organizations. Clarkson first joined the firm in 1993 following his graduation from Northeastern University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting. As part of his undergraduate training, he completed various co-operative programs through the university, two of which he spent with Needel, Welch & Stone in the Winters of 1992 and 1993.

He was promoted through the ranks from staff accountant to supervisor in the accounting and auditing department. In 2000 he took the lead in launching the NESS division. He has been active in the not-for-profit accounting software circles, attending numerous seminars throughout the United States.

Clarkson was born in Stoughton, MA and currently resides in Abington, MA. His family includes his wife Lynne, sons Nick and Thomas, and daughter Rachel. He is active in a number of community events; he serves; he serves on the Abington Little League Board of Directors while coaching his sons' Little League, and Summertime All Star team, as well as both his sons' and daughter's youth basketball teams in the Winter.

He is a member of the Massachusetts Society of CPAs and the AICPA (American Institute of Certified Public Accountants).

Kevin White, Managing Principal at NWS, said, "I join with Jake Lynch, Jim Welch and Jim Bailey in welcoming Jim Clarkson to this position as a shareholder and principal. His energy, knowledge and proven track record of client service makes him a natural to join us in this leadership position as our firm continues to grow and expand."

***About Needel, Welch, & Stone, P.C.***

Needel, Welch & Stone, P.C. is a CPA (Certified Public Accountant) firm that has been providing audit, accounting, tax and business advisory services since 1964. The firm specializes in providing services to privately owned businesses, individuals and not-for-profit organizations with an emphasis on building relationships with business owners. NWS is an independent member of the BDO Seidman Alliance. The firm maintains offices at 1001 Hingham Street (Route 228), Rockland, MA 02310. For additional information, please call Kevin White, Managing Principal at 781-982-1001 (e-mail [kwhite@nwscpas.com](mailto:kwhite@nwscpas.com)) or visit their web site at [www.nwscpas.com](http://www.nwscpas.com).