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### **BILL JOYNER JOINS WHELESS ASSOCIATES EXECUTIVE SEARCH**

BIRMINGHAM, AL – William M. “Bill” Joyner has been named Senior Partner for Wheless Associates Executive Search, a national retainer executive search firm with operations in New York, Atlanta, Houston, Dallas, and Naples, with corporate headquarters in Birmingham. In this role, Joyner will elevate the performance and market position of client enterprises across the country through strategic talent acquisition and executive searches conducted for boards, chief officers and key strategic leadership roles on a local, regional, national and international scale.

Joyner served the Huntsville Times as Advertising Director for 14 years, having recently earned one of the industry’s most coveted awards, the Newspaper Business Development Network’s Helm-Colucci Award for Service. The Helm-Colucci Award is presented to an individual in recognition of his or her exceptional service to newspaper special sections and collective success. Through his leadership role in the advertising sales department, Joyner developed and directed strategic planning and product development resulting in revenue growth and an expanded customer base. Before Joyner’s work at *The Huntsville Times*, he was the advertising manager at *The Commercial Appeal* in Memphis, Tenn. Joyner has also worked for the Gannett Company, *The Clarion-Ledger* in Jackson, Miss., and *The Hattiesburg (Miss.) American*.

Among other organizational and community leadership roles, Joyner serves the Inland Press Association as Program Chair, as a Board Director for the Women's Business Center of North Alabama, as a Board Director for Burritt Museum and on the Advisory Board for BankcorpSouth of Huntsville. Joyner is Past Chairman of the Huntsville Sports Commission; is a Past Board Director for Rotary Club of Huntsville; former Board Director and Campaign Chairman, Huntsville/Madison County United Way; and is a former member of the Board of Directors for the Memphis Better Business Bureau.

Wheless Associates Executive Search is among the nation's top executive search firms and has resolved thousands of Executive and Management searches for clients across the U.S. and internationally. The firm provides search services to include Board of Directors, Chancellor, President, Chief Executive, Chief Officers, and other executive, senior and mid-level management roles on behalf of internationally known and Fortune 50 organizations, mid-size corporations, and advancing small enterprises, and has demonstrated expertise conducting assignments on behalf of foundations, governmental agencies, and non-profit organizations.

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