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McGILL GRADUATE LEADS THE WAY FOR FEMALE VALUATORS

- Coveted designation awarded for professional and personal achievements -

(TORONTO- MARCH 21, 2007) – In the traditionally male dominated world of finance there is a growing specialization that is now officially being led in large part by a tremendously successful woman.

Line Racette is a Partner in Advisory Services at KPMG in Montreal. She is also a chartered business valuator (CBV) - a highly specialized financial professional with expertise in determining the financial worth of businesses and intangible assets, which can include brands and intellectual property. Currently there are only 1,100 CBVs across the country.

In the last year, Racette has worked with high-profile clients such as Quebecor, Areoplan, Air Transat, PSP Investments and Standard Life.

Yet, it is the work she does over and above the hours she spends at KPMG that resulted in her being awarded Fellow Chartered Business Valuator (FCBV) this year.

"Line has led the way for a whole new generation of women in the profession," said Jeannine Brooks, President and CEO of The Canadian Institute of Chartered Business Valuators (CICBV). Racette regularly coaches female business valuators helping them in their professional careers and position themselves for advancement. She is also a member of the diversity council at KPMG and a passionate women's rights advocate.

"Her dedication to the profession and the visibility she brings to the CBV designation is demonstrated by the impressive list of training sessions, lectures and interviews she has given, as well as the numerous articles and papers she has published. She also finds time to donate her services to organization such as the Cancer Research Society, Canadian Cancer Society, Red Cross and Arthritis Society," said Brooks.

The FCBV designation was created for the purpose of recognizing CICBV Members who have brought distinction to the business valuation profession and have achieved recognition in their professional lives and in their communities.

To obtain the CBV designation, individuals must pass a rigorous set of courses and exams and meet lengthy professional experience requirements. The designation is managed by The Canadian Institute of Chartered Business Valuators, which also regulates its members with Practice Standards and a Code of Ethics.

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