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RE: A Partnership And A Continuing Mission

We are happy to announce that on January 1, 2009, we formed the partnership Brookshire Barrett & Associates, LLC and will hereafter operate under that name. Mike began his research and testimony as a forensic economist in 1975, and 2009 marks his 34th year of forensic practice. George began his work as a forensic economist in 1998, trained for and began a new service line in forensic vocational analysis in 2005, and now serves as one of seven regional vice presidents of the American Rehabilitation Economics Association (AREA) and as the editor of the AREA journal *The Earnings Analyst*. George was recently named adjunct professor of rehabilitation counseling at Minnesota State University at Mankato.

In the past few years, we have been pleasantly surprised at the number of attorney clients, plaintiff and defense, who prefer us to work together in personal injury and often in labor cases. Indeed, the largest problem in permanent personal injury cases may be the poor "handoff" between conclusions by the vocational/rehabilitation expert and the use or non-use of these conclusions by the forensic economist. Among the advantages of our work together in separate-but-linked areas of science is that we make every attempt to know an earnings history before a vocational interview and testing. The vocational interview also becomes an excellent time to catalog lost household services by category.

At any rate, our services have expanded but our mission has not changed. Our consulting services are research-based, and we have a great ability to bring to bear state-of-the-art methods and data sources in our fields. Over the last year, four papers and presentations have been given at our academic meetings, and more refereed articles will be coming. The every-three-year survey of forensic economic prevailing practices, in February 2009, should be available by mid-year.

As always, thanks for thinking of us in the past. Our new home at 4511 Kanawha Turnpike in South Charleston, West Virginia is configured for our forensic vocational and economic needs and has enabled us to better serve our clients. Please let us know if we might be of help in your CLE, or related, seminars and activities.

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