

Collins Stewart Analysts featured in *Forbes Blue Chip Analysts Survey*

James McIlree and Brian White Awarded "Best Brokerage Analysts" Rankings

New York, NY – May 28, 2009 – Collins Stewart, a leading independent financial advisory group, today announced that two of the firm's U.S. research analysts earned positions in "The Best Brokerages" section of the **Forbes** annual Blue Chip Analysts rankings. Senior analyst, James McIlree was ranked at #2 for the Telecommunications Equipment industry category and senior analyst, Brian White was ranked at #5 within the Electronics industry category.

According to **Forbes**, the security analysts selected are awarded rankings based on both their stock picking and earnings estimation capabilities in their respective industries, as tabulated by Zacks Investment Research in Chicago.

John Abularrage, Chief Executive Officer of Collins Stewart's North American operations commented, "We are delighted that Jim and Brian have been recognized for their outstanding research in the Forbes Blue Chip Analysts ranking. The efforts of all our research analysts are highly regarded in the industry and we value their continued dedication to providing superior research within their coverage areas."

Collins Stewart has recently expanded its research capabilities and coverage. Kate Lucas Minyard joined the firm in April from J.P. Morgan to initiate research of the U.S. Oil and Gas industry and William Tanona joined earlier this month from Goldman Sachs to initiate coverage of U.S. Banks.

Other sectors covered by Collins Stewart's widely accredited U.S. research team include Technology, Healthcare, Defense & Electronics/Communications and Energy.

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