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**Thompson Dunavant and Southard Financial Present
“Liquidity Alternatives For Business Owners: Buying and Selling Businesses”**

Memphis, TN (February 8, 2010) - Thompson Dunavant PLC and Southard Financial announced today a seminar entitled “Liquidity Alternatives For Business Owners: Buying and Selling Businesses” that will be held at Christian Brothers University Spain Auditorium from 9:00AM – 12:00PM on March 18, 2010.

The agenda will cover a keynote address by David Malizia; Deal Process Review by Owen Johnson, Principal, Southard Financial; Due Diligence Review by Steve Dunavant, Managing Member, Thompson Dunavant PLC; as well as a panel of local financial and legal experts including Wes Hampp, Managing Director, First Capital Partners; John Bobango, Member, Farris Bobango PLC; Bill Ogles, Vice President, IBERIABANK; Dan Robinson, Shareholder, Evans Petree Bogatin PC; Doug Southard, Principal, Southard Financial; Nathan Raines, Senior Vice President, IBERIABANK; and Doug Quay, Member, Glankler Brown PLLC.

The keynote speaker, David Malizia, is Co-Founder and Managing Partner at Westshore Capital Partners. Westshore Capital Partners is a Florida-based private investment fund focused on acquiring and recapitalizing small to medium sized manufacturing, distribution and service companies throughout the United States and Canada. Malizia has 20 years of experience in private equity investments, operations and investment banking. He has served on the Board of Directors for both private and public companies, and he has participated as an investor in more than 32 companies within 25 industries.

Advance registration and admission of \$50.00 is required and proceeds will benefit St. Jude Children’s Hospital. For more information call 901.842.2773 or to register for the upcoming event visit www.buyingandselling.eventbrite.com.

ABOUT THOMPSON DUNAVANT PLC

Thompson Dunavant, the largest public accounting firm in Memphis, provides a broad range of assurance, tax, and consulting services to clients in a variety of industries. With over 100 professionals and over 115 total personnel, Thompson Dunavant has the size, experience and expertise to help its clients achieve success. Thompson Dunavant provides a unique combination of worldwide resources and expertise coupled with reliable and personalized service.

ABOUT SOUTHARD FINANCIAL

Southard Financial is a full-service business valuation, investment banking and financial advisory firm based in Memphis, Tennessee. The principals have a combined 40+ years of business valuation experience and have issued thousands of valuations and fairness opinions for companies and financial institutions in 43 states. Their expertise entails valuing all types of business entities for a wide variety of purposes and has allowed them to earn recognition as one of the leading ESOP and bank appraisers in the United States.

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