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RUBY LAW EXPANDS WOMAN-OWNED BUSINESS IN INDIANAPOLIS

Indianapolis, October 26, 2005 -- For the second time this year, Ruby Law is expanding its legal practice. Additional staff will be hired now to accommodate the growth and the home-based law firm will move into a new, separate office space between April and June of next year. The firm expanded from part-time to full-time in January of this year.

Jennifer Ruby, proprietor of Ruby Law, focuses the practice on estate planning, probate, administration and small business advising. The nature of her clientele allows her to work from home and provide excellent customer service by meeting clients at their residences or businesses - reducing trips and increasing comfort levels. "I've always said the only reason for me to move out of my home office is to outgrow it. Well, that's happening," Ruby commented. "I'm really excited about this expansion opportunity." Ruby expects to hire an office manager on contract immediately to relieve her of many administrative tasks allowing her more time with clients.

Previously, Ruby held technical policy and planning positions in city-county and state governments. Ruby earned a biochemistry degree from Purdue University and holds a Master of Planning and a Doctorate of Jurisprudence from Indiana University. A member of the American Institute of Certified Planners, she is licensed to practice law in New Mexico and Indiana. Ruby also serves on local boards and committees for education, economic development and historic preservation.

Ruby Law received a \$50,000 National City Small Business Premium Credit Line that is not tied to collateral, has no closing costs, and provides easy access through the bank's Small Business Online Banking, special checks and VISA Card. "National City is committed to doing what is right for our customers," said Donna Johnson, branch manager of National City's Northbrook branch. "We are pleased to play a role in the success of another woman business owner in our community." An SBA preferred lender, National City has committed to lending \$3.5 billion to women business owners over the next five years. Dedicated to prompt decision-making, innovative solutions, and doing the right thing right now, National City provided Ruby Law with next day approval of the credit line.

Ruby Law's environment is customer service, community involvement and family first. Being proactive allows more control over who, what, when, where and how. Ruby Law is an alternative to large firm competition and in-house counsel corporate positions for women attorneys who want to be respected for the knowledge and experience they have, while still enjoying community and family involvement.

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