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**FORMER U.S. ATTORNEY ALICE H. MARTIN JOINS WHELESS ASSOCIATES
EXECUTIVE SEARCH**

BIRMINGHAM, AL – The nationally-recognized executive search firm, Wheless Associates Executive Search, is pleased to announce Alice H. Martin has joined the firm as a Senior Partner. With operations in New York, Atlanta, Houston, Dallas, and Naples, with corporate headquarters in Birmingham, Martin’s role will be to elevate the performance and market position of client enterprises across the country through strategic talent acquisition and executive searches conducted for boards, chief officers and key strategic leadership roles on a local, regional, national and international scale. She assumed her new role on September 14th.

“Alice Martin has the contemporary knowledge to understand how boards, senior officers and selection committees can best contend with the challenges facing today’s executive leadership,” says Wheless Associates CEO, Mike Wheless. “I am confident that the expertise Alice brings will lend itself well to identifying future challenges and trends in the marketplace, and to serving the executive leadership acquisition needs of our current and future client organizations”.

Martin responded “After eight years of recruiting talent into the public sector it is clear the significant impact attracting and retaining the right talent has on an organization. I chose to join the outstanding professionals at Wheless to bring that experience to serve private sector leaders in a search process focused on yielding a competitive advantage for our clients”.

Mrs. Martin joins the national executive search firm following a career which included 28 years as a practicing attorney where she was appointed by President George W. Bush to serve as United States Attorney for the Northern District of Alabama from 2001 to 2009. As U.S. Attorney, Mrs. Martin served as the district’s top federal law enforcement official and was involved in law firm recruiting and retention, and established a university-certified Leadership Academy to promote leadership development and retention. She oversaw many nationally significant criminal investigations involving domestic terrorism, public corruption, and corporate fraud resulting in profiles by the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *USAToday* and the *Birmingham News*. Mrs. Martin was selected as a “Top Ten Prosecutor” in 2004 by the Corporate Fraud Reporter; served on the Attorney General Advisory committee from 2003-2005; and created the North Alabama Public Corruption Task Force in 2002, which has been responsible for over 125 corruption-related convictions.

Prior to serving as United States Attorney, Mrs. Martin served on Alabama’s Eleventh Judicial Circuit Court bench, presiding over criminal and civil jury trials. Previously, she served a federal prosecutor in Memphis. Her prior private sector legal practice focused on medical malpractice and product liability defense litigation. A native of Mississippi, Martin received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Vanderbilt University and worked as a R.N. during law school at the

University of Mississippi. Martin received her J.D. in 1981, and is a certified mediator. She is a member of the bar in Alabama, Mississippi and Tennessee.

Wheless Associates Executive Search is among the nation's top executive search firms and has resolved thousands of Executive and Management searches for clients across the U.S. and internationally. The firm provides search services to include Board of Directors, Chancellor, President, Chief Executive, Chief Officers, and other executive, senior and mid-level management roles on behalf of internationally known and Fortune 50 organizations, mid-size corporations, and advancing small enterprises, and has demonstrated expertise conducting assignments on behalf of foundations, governmental agencies, and non-profit organizations. With a global reach, the company serves clients in North America and Europe.

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