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WINCHESTER RESIDENT NAMED GENERAL COUNSEL

Woburn, MA – Cummings Properties, LLC today announced the appointment of Craig J. Ziady, a long-time Winchester resident, to the position of General Counsel. Ziady succeeds Susan F. Brand, who retired after 18 years with the Woburn commercial development and real estate company, and joins a lengthy list of senior management personnel at Cummings with strong Winchester ties.



A 1989 honors graduate of Bates College in Lewiston, Maine and a 1993 *cum laude* graduate of Boston College Law School, Ziady had been Deputy General Counsel at Cummings Properties since leaving the downtown Boston law firm of Riemer & Braunstein, LLP, where he was a senior partner in the firm's litigation department. Having practiced law for 14 years, Ziady has developed expertise in commercial litigation, environmental affairs and real estate law.

In addition to his legal practice, Ziady is actively involved in Winchester's youth sports programs, including serving as a baseball and ice hockey coach. He is also president of the Alumni Association and a trustee at Brooks School in North Andover, Massachusetts, and serves New Horizons at Choate as its volunteer counsel.

In his new position, Ziady will oversee the legal affairs of the entire 300-plus employee company, including numerous aspects of Cummings' largest construction project, TradeCenter 128 in Woburn.

Cummings is currently building a 400,000 square foot office building there, and a 900-car parking garage on Sylvan Road, directly adjacent to Routes 128 and Interstate 95, and just off Route 38. The first phase of the building will be occupied in February 2008 by the Middlesex County Superior Court, which will be relocating from its longer-term Cambridge location.

Ziady says he is excited about the challenges of his new position as the company continues to grow. "I am fortunate and delighted to be working with such a talented and experienced group of people at Cummings," he stated. "With more than nine million square feet of property under management, we are keenly aware of the thousands of people who work in our buildings and of our responsibilities to each and every one of them. I look forward to the opportunity to assist the Company in developing and advancing its mission during the next generation."

Fellow Winchester resident, Dennis Clarke, who is president and CEO of Cummings Properties, said, "Craig's impressive professional accomplishments readily demonstrate his knowledge and skill as an attorney. He also brings a creative and thoughtful approach to problem-solving which allows him to identify and resolve potential issues before they arise. We are very pleased to have Craig join us in this important leadership position."

Ziady and his wife, Joan, have four children. Emily is a student at Winchester High School, Adam and Claire attend Lincoln Elementary School, and Kendall is enrolled at Winchester Cooperative Nursery School. Also an attorney, Joan is a senior partner at Riemer & Braunstein, LLP.

Cummings Properties leases commercial space of all types. Most of its buildings are reportedly owned by and for the benefit of Cummings Foundation, Inc., a private operating foundation. The Foundation also owns New Horizons retirement communities in both Woburn and Marlborough, and Veterinary School at Tufts, LLC, in North Grafton, MA.