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## **Growth for Commercial Real Estate Firm Means New Talent**

*Hill Partners, Inc welcomes three new members to retail leasing team.*

**Charlotte, NC (April 16, 2007)** – Hill Partners, Inc. (HPI), experiencing growth from several new developments, recently announced three new additions to their commercial real estate team. Christopher Sheppard and Emily Wooten joined Hill Partners as Retail Leasing Associates and William A. Rooney rejoined Hill Partners as Retail Leasing Manager, having previously held the same title from 1999-2001.

At HPI, Rooney is responsible for overseeing the leasing process to retailers and restaurants at several HPI projects including The Town Square at Daniel Island in Charleston, South Carolina and Clemmons Town Center located in the greater Winston-Salem, North Carolina market. Prior to joining HPI, Rooney served as a Director of Leasing with Shield Properties. He is a licensed real estate broker and holds a B.A. in Business Administration from St. Michael's College.

Sheppard and Wooten are responsible for prospecting for new retailers, negotiating leases and coordinating new tenant openings for various HPI properties, most notably The Village at Sandhill, located in Columbia, South Carolina. Before joining HPI, Sheppard was a principal broker with Sperry Van Ness/Lighthouse Commercial Realty in Charlotte, North Carolina. Sheppard is a licensed real estate broker and holds a B.S. in Economics S.U.N.Y. from Cortland. Wooten, a licensed real estate broker, came to HPI from Madison Retail Group an affiliate of Madison Marquette located in Washington, D.C. where she was a leasing specialist and holds a B.A. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

In addition to HPI's comprehensive existing portfolio of retail development and mixed-use projects, HPI is moving forward with three bold new developments in Asheville and greater Winston-Salem, North Carolina, as well as Charleston, South Carolina. The recent addition of professional executives positions HPI for current and future growth opportunities, allowing the company to achieve its aggressive strategic growth plan.

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“We are very pleased to welcome back William Rooney and feel that both Chris and Emily are great additions to our retail leasing team,” said Bob Spratt, President, Hill Partners, Inc. “We have several new properties under development, making this is an exciting time for the company.”

Hill Partners, Inc., founded in 1983, is a commercial real estate firm specializing in providing innovative retail development solutions. The company concentrates on three basic divisions: Project Conceptualization, which includes feasibility studies, strategic planning, merchandising and market research; Project Implementation, which includes design management, development/construction management and merchant recruitment; and Property/Asset Management, including operations, tenant relations, consumer marketing and accounting.

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