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Pittsburgh Pirates & Bradenton Marauders Select Blalock Walters

Bradenton, Florida – February 10, 2011 - Blalock Walters, P.A., one of Manatee County's oldest law firms, announced today they have been selected by the Pittsburgh Pirates and Bradenton Marauders as their legal counsel for the teams Florida operations. Blalock Walters will serve as general counsel to assist with governmental affairs, contracts, and other local needs of the teams.

Trevor Gooby, Sr. director for the Pirates and Marauders Florida Operations stated, "We chose Blalock Walters for their mutual dedication to the community and because they stood out as the firm capable of providing the legal expertise and market knowledge we need."

The Pittsburgh Pirates conduct their spring training at McKechnie Field in Bradenton, which also serves as home to the minor league team, The Bradenton Marauders. Both teams are proud to be a part of the community and are committed to making a difference in and around Manatee County. The Pirates Charities is the official philanthropic arm of the Pittsburgh Pirates and since its inception in late 2006, has contributed more than \$1.9 million dollars to worthwhile projects and non-profit organizations in the Pittsburgh region, Bradenton, Florida and Estorga, Dominican Republic (location of the Pirates Latin American Headquarters).

"Everyone at Blalock Walters is proud to have been selected by the Pittsburgh Pirates and Bradenton Marauders," said Jonathan D. Fleece, principal for Blalock Walters. "This is a wonderful partnership between two organizations dedicated to helping our community grow and prosper. We look forward to a long-term relationship with both teams."

About Blalock Walters:

Blalock Walters is a full-service law firm built on a foundation of integrity and hard work. As the largest firm in Manatee County and the fourth largest firm in the Sarasota/Bradenton market, they serve a wide range of large and small clients in diverse industries. For more than 80 years, the firm has served as a trusted adviser in resolving the legal needs of individuals, leading businesses and other institutions throughout Southwest Florida and beyond. www.blalockwalters.com.

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