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**NEWMAYER & DILLION'S HIMMELSTEIN NAMED BIA/OC 'ASSOCIATE OF THE YEAR'**

**NEWPORT BEACH, Calif.** — Mark Himmelstein, a partner with Newport Beach-based law firm Newmeyer & Dillion LLP, has been recognized as 2006 “Associate of the Year” by the Building Industry Association of Southern California, Orange County Chapter (BIA/OC). BIA/OC is a non-profit trade association representing more than 970 companies employing more than 114,000 people affiliated with the home-building industry.

Himmelstein served his first year as a member of the board of directors of BIA/OC and co-chaired the Membership Committee to a very successful year, adding 50 new members while maintaining leading retention rates among the seven chapters in BIA/Southern California. He will chair the committee for 2007.

“I am tremendously honored to have received this recognition from our industry’s leaders,” said Himmelstein. “BIA performs a vital function as an advocate for housing in Orange County and I am proud to be able to contribute to our mission by helping to recruit and retain members.”

Himmelstein practices in the areas of real estate litigation, construction contracts and risk management at the business and real estate-law firm, ranked as one of the largest based in Orange County. In addition to his involvement in BIA, Himmelstein is a member of the Associated General Contractors and is a frequent speaker and author on construction and risk-management issues.

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