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### **Donna Beck Smith of Brown Smith Wallace Tapped as Finalist in International Stevie® Awards for Women in Business**

#### ***Stevie Award Winners to Be Announced in New York on November 13***

**St. Louis (October 15, 2009)** – Donna Beck Smith, Brown Smith Wallace partner and director of the firm’s Financial Advisory Services Group, has been chosen as a finalist in the 6th annual Stevie Awards for Women in Business, a competition that honors women executives, entrepreneurs, and the companies they run – worldwide. The Stevie Awards have been hailed as the world’s premier business awards.

Nicknamed the Stevies for the Greek word “crowned,” winners will be announced during a gala event at the Marriott Marquis hotel in New York on Friday, November 13. Nominated women executives and entrepreneurs from the U.S.A and several other countries are expected to attend. The presentations will be broadcast live on radio in the U.S.A. by the Business TalkRadio Network.

More than 1,100 entries were submitted this year for consideration in 54 categories, including Best Executive, Best Entrepreneur, and Best Community Involvement Program. Donna Smith is a Finalist in the category of: Best Executive in a Service Business with up to 2,500 Employees.

Smith’s recognition is based on her reputation as a highly sought-after expert valuation witness, a national leader among accountants, a partner at Brown Smith Wallace as well as her role as Director of the firm’s successful Financial Advisory Services Group.

Finalists were chosen by business professionals worldwide during preliminary judging. Members of the Awards’ Board of Distinguished Judges & Advisors and their staffs will select Stevie Award winners from among the Finalists during final judging.

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“Being named a Finalist in The Stevie Awards for Women in Business is an important achievement,” said Michael Gallagher, president of the Stevie Awards. “It means that independent business executives have agreed that the nominee is worthy of recognition. We congratulate all of the Finalists on their achievement and wish them well in the competition.”

Details about The Stevie Awards for Women in Business and the list of Finalists in all categories are available at [www.stevieawards.com/women](http://www.stevieawards.com/women).

### **About The Stevie Awards**

Stevie Awards are conferred in four programs: The American Business Awards, The International Business Awards, The Stevie Awards for Women in Business, and The Stevie Awards for Sales & Customer Service. Honoring organizations of all types and sizes and the people behind them, the Stevies recognize outstanding performances in the workplace worldwide. Learn more about The Stevie Awards at [www.stevieawards.com](http://www.stevieawards.com).

Sponsors of the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Stevie Awards for Women in Business (as of October 9) include the Business TalkRadio Network, Covario, Inc., and KeyBank.

### **About Brown Smith Wallace**

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