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## **Wall Street Journal publisher to keynote Chamber's 2007 Annual Meeting**

DURHAM, NC – The Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that L. Gordon Crovitz, publisher of The Wall Street Journal, will serve as the keynote speaker for the Chamber's 2007 Annual Meeting.

The Annual Meeting will be held Monday, Feb. 5 at the Durham Civic Center in downtown Durham. Check in begins at 11:15 a.m. and the program starts at 11:45 a.m.

Crovitz also serves as executive vice president of Dow Jones and president of the company's Consumer Media Group. He is responsible for the Company's media operations serving consumers, including The Wall Street Journal and The Wall Street Journal Online, Barron's, Barron's Online, MarketWatch and the company's other web properties as well as television, video and audio, and the company's SmartMoney and Vedomosti joint ventures.

Crovitz has unique ties to Durham and is a graduate of Durham Academy. His mother, Elaine K. Crovitz, is associate professor emeritus in Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences at Duke University and his father, Herbert F. Crovitz, is a professor of Psychological & Brain Sciences at Duke.

The event will celebrate Durham's tremendous transformation from a tobacco and textiles community to a thriving knowledge-based economy as well as recognize the companies that continue to help make Durham and the region a place others want to emulate.

The Annual Meeting will highlight the Chamber's success under the leadership of 2006 Chair of the Board of Directors, MaryAnn E. Black, associate vice president of community relations for Duke University Health System. The Chamber will also present its prestigious Civic Honor Award to one of the Triangle's leading citizens.

For more information about the Chamber's Annual Meeting, please contact Sheena Johnson at 682-2133 ext. 230.

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