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**GARY LYONS ACHIEVES SIOR DESIGNATION**

**RALEGH, NC, June 4, 2008** – Gary Lyons, SIOR, CCIM, ALC of Sperry Van Ness has achieved the SIOR Office Specialist designation awarded by the Society of Industrial and Office Realtors<sup>®</sup>, an international association of professional commercial real estate brokers.

To achieve the SIOR designation, Gary Lyons, SIOR, CCIM, ALC completed at least five years creditable experience in the highly specialized field of industrial/office real estate; and demonstrated to SIOR professional ability, competency, ethical conduct and personal integrity.

Individuals who hold the SIOR designation are top producers in the commercial real estate field and are represented in 590 cities and 22 countries around the world. SIOR enforces a strict code of ethics and requires designees to complete its ethics course within their first three years of membership.

Gary Lyons, SIOR, CCIM, ALC, serves as Senior Advisor and Managing Director for Sperry Van Ness/AIM Realty Advisors, specializing in investment real estate and land transactions. Lyons has handled a variety of transactions including net leased, sale/ leasebacks, flex, industrial properties, and land across North and South Carolina. In the past three years, he has completed more than 25 transactions valued in excess of \$70 million. Lyons finished in the top 5 percent of advisors at Sperry Van Ness in 2007 where he was awarded the Platinum Achievers Award.

Founded in 1987, Sperry Van Ness International, based in Irvine, California is one of the largest and fastest-growing commercial real estate brokerage firms in the industry, with more than 960 advisors in over 150 locations. Sperry Van Ness delivers results for clients through a proven business model that immediately markets every one of its clients' properties to the entire investor and brokerage community. For more information, please visit [www.svn.com](http://www.svn.com).

The most recent data extrapolated from a SIOR member survey revealed that SIOR designees closed more than 82,500 transactions involving 2.7 billion square feet of commercial real estate bought, sold or leased. These transactions totaled \$85 billion, or an average of \$33.6 million per member.

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