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And If the List Were Longer...

The Runners Up to the Top Lateral Hires List for 2007

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If only the list could be longer. The next group of attorneys is noteworthy for several reasons. Some highlight the difficulties of operating as a small boutique, while others show that the boutique model can sometimes be the best fit.

Other attorneys on this list are here because of their potential to forge stronger relationships with clients or their potential to serve as the future practice group leaders within their respective firms. Others were, well, just pretty darn interesting. As always, it's usually a com-

bination of several of those factors that lands an attorney on this list.

BROWN STONE NIMEROFF

Mary Kay Brown, Antoinette R. Stone and Jami B. Nimeroff left Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney in February to create their own firm, Brown Stone Nimeroff.

Brown had previously served as the co-managing partner of the Philadelphia office of Buchanan Ingersoll, headed up its litigation section and served as its ethics counsel.

Stone co-led the alternative dispute resolution group and had also served as ethics counsel. Two of the group's clients at the time were O'Neill Properties Group and Citizens Bank.

Stone said at the time of her departure that as a woman-owned business, the firm will work to obtain opportunities given to women and minority-owned firms by the city and other organizations.

At the time of the move, Frank D'Amore of Attorney Career Catalysts said the firm's makeup could appeal to some corporate counsel.

He said the fact that such a small group is forming a firm with different practices might speak to the fact that they each have enough business to support their practice.

Another analyst said this is the first women-owned firm that has opened in the city for about 10 years. •