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**Northern Tool + Equipment Selects Fafinski Mark & Johnson As Corporate
Counsel of Record**

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — November 12, 2009 — Northern Tool + Equipment, an international tool and power equipment retailer, today named Eden Prairie-based law firm Fafinski Mark & Johnson, P.A. as its corporate counsel of record.

Northern Tool + Equipment is a multi-channel retailer of high quality tool and equipment products with more than 70 locations in 11 states. The family-run business, with its world headquarters in Minnesota and an operations facility in the United Kingdom, supplies tools and equipment products to do-it-yourselfers, contractors and professionals shops.

“At Northern Tool + Equipment, we pride ourselves on building lasting relationships and providing great value. We see those same traits in the people at Fafinski Mark & Johnson and couldn’t be more pleased about the fit between us,” said Al Kotula, vice president of business development and compliance, Northern Tool + Equipment.

“Northern Tool + Equipment is an excellent company with a solid foundation. We’re honored to be working with them,” said Robert Fafinski, shareholder and CEO, Fafinski Mark & Johnson. “We pride ourselves in offering the expertise of a large firm, but in a smaller team-oriented setting, which matches well with Northern Tool + Equipment. We’re excited about this new partnership, and look forward to providing them with our personalized service and expertise.”

About Northern Tool + Equipment

Northern Tool + Equipment has been a supplier of high-quality tools and equipment for more than 29 years, selling products through direct mail, the Internet and at more than 70 retail locations in 11 states, including Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee, Texas, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa and North Dakota. Along with a deep selection of hand, power and air tools, Northern Tool + Equipment carries a wide variety of products, including generators, pressure washers, air compressors, hydraulics, small engines, trailers, water pumps, tractors, welding equipment and much more.

Northern Tool + Equipment also serves as the exclusive distributor of NorthStar™ brand equipment, which is fabricated and assembled at the company's 250,000 sq. ft. manufacturing facility located in Faribault, Minn. Northern Tool + Equipment's corporate headquarters are located in Burnsville, Minn. For more information, visit www.northerntool.com.

About Fafinski Mark & Johnson

Fafinski Mark & Johnson, P.A. offers a full line of legal services to clients ranging from emerging businesses to Fortune 500 companies. The firm strives to provide its clients with the power of the big, while maintaining the spirit of the small, by offering world class representation coupled with the level of responsiveness and attention only possible in a smaller firm. This year marks Fafinski Mark & Johnson's 10-year anniversary. For more information, please go to www.fmjlaw.com.

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