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Investment Banking Veteran Raymond Pirtle Jr. Joins Avondale Partners Advisory Board

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (January 13, 2012) --- [Avondale Partners](#) today announced that Raymond Pirtle Jr. has joined its Advisory Board. Mr. Pirtle is Chief Manager of [Claridge Company, LLC](#), an investment banking advisory firm which represents micro-cap size corporations.

“Raymond is highly respected in the investment advisory field. He assisted in the launching of Avondale Partners in 2001, and we are honored to have him return as a member of [our esteemed Advisory Board](#),” said Pat Shepherd, senior managing partner, Avondale Partners. “As we position ourselves for continued growth, we know that we will benefit from his experience and leadership.”

[Raymond Pirtle Jr.](#) began his career at J.C. Bradford & Co. where he spent 23 years in institutional sales and as a General Partner before joining Equitable Securities Corp. in 1989 as a Managing Director and co-manager of institutional sales. In 2001, he joined five partners to found Avondale Partners where he remained until 2005 when he left to form Claridge. Since 1985, Mr. Pirtle has served at various times on the board of both public and private companies, participating in an estimated 3,000 management presentations to institutional investors and investment banking groups between the US and UK/Europe. He currently serves on the boards of a NYSE company, a Bulletin Board company and a publicly held China-based company to be listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.

Avondale Partners is an independent, boutique investment banking and asset management firm based in Nashville, Tennessee. More information is available at www.avondalepartnersllc.com.

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