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LAW FIRM LOCATES IN DOWNTOWN GREER

The **Greer Development Corporation (GDC)** is pleased to announce the opening of a new law firm on Trade Street in the heart of downtown Greer, SC. **Brian A. Martin, LLC** is a single lawyer firm headed by Brian A. Martin that will focus on civil, business and probate matters, real estate issues, and appellate cases in state and federal courts. Mr. Martin commented that he wants to “focus on the individual needs of the citizens of Greer and the surrounding area and assist them in understanding the law.” Prior to starting his own firm, Mr. Martin was an associate in a downtown Greenville firm.

Brian A. Martin is originally from North Carolina but has practiced law for ten years in the Greenville area and, after moving his family from Greenville to Greer in early 2004, saw an opportunity in a growing community. Mr. Martin said, “As Greer continues to grow and these new developments come to life, the need for legal services increases. I have watched this area prosper, and after moving here and getting to know the people here, I realized that Greer has so much potential and is such a great environment in which to live and work.” Mr. Martin continued by adding that “with all the developments going on in this area, the timing was right to locate a law practice here. I especially enjoy the historic small town feel that downtown Greer possesses. The City of Greer, on the whole, provides so much opportunity due to the tremendous growth; but despite the surge in growth, it continues to maintain an excellent quality of life.”

“With the influx of new business, over 125 residential developments coming to this area, and a potential population increase of over 20,000 in the Greer market, the decision to open my practice in Greer made perfect sense,” commented Mr. Martin. Ruthie Henkin, Greer Station Association President and owner/operator of Hot Java Coffee House, said, “This is excellent news and says a lot about where this downtown has been and where it is headed. We have seen the rise in retail and restaurants in Greer Station, now the offices and professional services are following. This just adds to the list of why downtown Greer is becoming perfect to visit, shop and work.”

“Having **Brian A. Martin, LLC** locate in Greer Station is a welcomed addition to our downtown; we are seeing the need for more professional services in this market on the rise,” said Richard K. Blackwell, Commercial Development Director for **GDC**. “There are only a handful of appellate law firms in the Greenville-Spartanburg market and having Mr. Martin locate in Greer says a lot about the progress this community is making,” commented Mr. Blackwell.

Brian A. Martin, LLC is located at 108-B Trade St. in Greer, SC and his contact number is 879-7779.

The Greer Development Corporation is a non-profit organization established to promote and enhance economic growth and development in the Greer community. GDC is a 501c(4) public-private partnership focused on business recruitment and retention activities, targeted marketing, and product development.