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Lankton Recognized as Woman Executive of the Year by the Business Journal

PORTLAND, Ore. – April 23, 2009 – The Portland Business Journal has presented Helena Lankton with an Orchid Award for Woman Executive of the Year in the small/medium business category.

Orchid Award recipients were selected based on their qualities of leadership, decisiveness and resilience in the face of adversity, according to Craig Wessel, publisher of the Portland Business Journal. Lankton is one of four women executives of the year.

"The accomplishments of the Orchid Award recipients will help create a world for future generations where women in leadership positions will be considered the norm," said James Rudd, principal and CEO of Ferguson Wellman Capital Management.

Lankton currently serves as senior vice president and portfolio manager at Ferguson Wellman. With more than 30 years of industry experience, she was managing partner at Badgley, Phelps and Bell in Portland and also worked in San Francisco for investment firms Alex. Brown & Sons and Kidder, Peabody & Co., Inc.

Lankton is current board chair of the Portland Art Museum and has served on the board of trustees for 14 years. She is also first vice president of the Arlington Club, the highest ranking position for a female member to date. In 2008, Lankton was recognized by the Stanford Alumni Association with the elite Governor's Award for her lifetime work. She serves on the Stanford Overseas Council Board and was cochair for the university's most recent undergraduate fundraising campaign for Oregon and Southwest Washington. Also last year, Lankton was awarded the 2008 Alumni Achievement Award by the Annie Wright School in Tacoma. She is a past board member was cochair of the school's capital campaign.

Founded in 1975, Ferguson Wellman Capital Management is a privately owned investment advisory firm, established in the Pacific Northwest. With 521 clients, the firm manages \$2.1 billion in assets that comprise union and corporate retirement plans; endowments and foundations; and individuals with portfolios of \$2 million or more. (3/31/09)