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## **HABERSHAM SETTLES COPYRIGHT LAWSUIT AGAINST ACCUSED FURNITURE DESIGN INFRINGERS**

**TOCCOA, GA (November 12, 2009)** -- Habersham Plantation Corporation ("Habersham") announced its acceptance of terms of settlement from **G&J Styles, Inc.** and **Halo Styles, LLC** (the "Defendants"), resolving Habersham's copyright infringement lawsuit against the Defendants in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. Habersham had accused Defendants of manufacturing, importing and distributing unauthorized copies of fifteen of Habersham's most successful and original furniture designs, including its well-known Approach Road and Monet "Louis XV" Bibliotheque Cabinets.

"We are pleased to have amicably resolved this matter, while securing substantial compensation for Defendants' unlawful behavior," stated Matt Eddy, president of Habersham. "Our original designs are exclusive to our high-end brand -- we simply cannot take anyone's copying of those designs lightly." While exact settlement numbers have not been disclosed, the settlement amount is reported to be in the seven-figures. The Defendants were also permanently enjoined from copying those designs in the future.

This lawsuit has been just one of many moves in Habersham's ongoing efforts to protect its copyrighted works and brand identity. Habersham's efforts to date have included federal registration of its copyrighted ornamental designs for furniture and the removal of unauthorized copies of its products, and infringers of its trademarks, from the listings of the online auction website eBay (R).

### **About Habersham:**

Celebrating more than 36 years in business, Toccoa, Georgia-based **Habersham Plantation Corporation** is a leading manufacturer of hand-painted and styled showpiece reproductions and original, copyrighted furniture designs. The Habersham line features a full line of fine "one-of-a-kind" looking carved furniture designs in numerous choices of finish, including trumeaus, armoires, chests and dressers, cupboards, media centers, occasional dining and work tables, chairs, desks and beds. The company's expansion into kitchen and bath cabinetry and custom options in recent years allows consumers to choose from residential furniture designs, unlimited finish options and styles, and cabinetry to create a Grand European or American Casual lifestyle look that flows throughout the entire home.

For more information, visit [www.habershamhome.com](http://www.habershamhome.com) call 1.800.HABERSHAM or 706.886.1476 or write: Habersham, PO Box 1209, Toccoa, GA 30577-1209

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