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Press Release

CHAMBERS USA NAMES BECK REDDEN & SECREST, L.L.P. AS ONE OF THE LEADING LAW FIRMS IN TEXAS

Houston, Texas: Beck Redden & Secrest, L.L.P. has been ranked as the number two General Commercial Litigation law firm in Texas in the *2006 Chambers USA: America's Leading Business Lawyers*. Additionally, five of its Partners have received top ranking including David Beck who was ranked #1 in the practice areas of Energy & Natural Resources: Dispute Resolutions and General Commercial Litigation. Chambers & Partners USA conducts over 10,000 interviews carried out by a team of 40 full-time researchers over a period of 8 months. Chambers interviews clients and peers in the U.S. marketplace to arrive at consensus opinions to support its rankings. The qualities on which rankings are assessed include technical legal ability, professional conduct, client service, commercial awareness/astuteness, diligence, commitment, and other qualities most valued by the client.

Additional firm partners recognized among the top in their fields of expertise include the following:

Joe Redden, Jr. – Rank # 2 - Litigation: General Commercial

David M. Gunn – Rank # 2 - Litigation: Appellate

Eric J. R. Nichols and Alistair B. Dawson were recognized as “Up and Coming” in General Commercial Litigation.

Beck Redden & Secrest, L.L.P. was formed in January 1992 by David Beck, Joe Redden, and Ron Secrest. The Firm has grown from the three initial partners to eleven, and now comprises over 30 lawyers with extraordinary collective experience trying cases and arguing appeals involving, among others, the energy, communications, investment, banking, insurance, drug and health care, chemical, and high technology industries.

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