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DAVID J. BECK PARTICIPATES IN REENACTMENT OF “TEXAS V. WHITE” AT UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT

Each year the United States Supreme Court Historical Society holds a reenactment of a historically significant Supreme Court case, at which two prominent attorneys are requested to reenact the oral argument. On November 9, 2011, **David J. Beck**, of Beck Redden & Secrest L.L.P., represented the State of Texas in the reenactment of “*Texas V. White*,” a case originally argued before the Court in 1868. The reenactment was presided over by current **U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia**. **Patricia A. Millett**, head of the national appellate practice at Akin Gump, L.L.P. in Washington D.C., argued on behalf of the defendants.

The case involved a claim that United States bonds owned by Texas since 1850 had been illegally sold by the Confederate state legislature during the American Civil War. The State filed suit in the Supreme Court invoking the Court’s original jurisdiction for cases in which a “State” is a party. “*Texas v. White*” is widely viewed to stand for the proposition that the United States is a perpetual and indissoluble union and therefore no State can ever secede.

Mr. Beck is a founding partner of Beck Redden & Secrest, L.L.P. He has been named one of “The Best Lawyers in America” by Woodward & White since the inception of the publication in 1990. Additionally, in the 25th Anniversary issue of “Texas Lawyer Magazine,” he was named as one of Texas’ 25 Greatest Lawyers of the past quarter century.

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He is a former President of the State Bar of Texas and he recently served as President of the American College of Trial Lawyers (2006-07), a professional association skilled and experienced in the trial of cases and dedicated to maintaining and improving the standards of trial practice, the administration of justice, and the ethics of the profession, and whose membership is limited to the top 1% of the practicing Bar.

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