

Beck, Redden & Secrest Named to “Defense Hot List” for 2006

The Houston boutique litigation firm of Beck, Redden & Secrest has been recognized in the *National Law Journal's* (NLJ) second annual "Defense Hot List" for 2006. To compile their list, the NLJ looks for firms with an overall impressive track record that scored at least one significant defense win within the past 12 months.

Beck, Redden & Secrest has consistently scored big wins in complex commercial and tort litigation including three cases highlighted as part of the “Hot List”: *Roork v. Wyeth*, a case involving fen-phen, a diet drug alleged to cause heart valve injury, in which Beck, Redden & Secrest won the first defensive judgment for Wyeth; *Tetco Inc. v Exxon Corp.*, a dispute regarding a franchise agreement in which the plaintiff claimed \$1.1 billion in punitive damages but came away with \$33 million; and *Alaska Gasline Port Authority v. Exxon Mobil Corp.*, a successful antitrust defense in a fight over the best means of bringing natural gas to the lower 48 states.

“We asked our readers to nominate defense firms that managed exemplary, cutting-edge work on the defense side. We supplement the scores of submission with our own research,” Beck, Redden & Secrest was named to the list because the firm successfully handles “complex commercial and tort litigation on behalf of some of the country’s most important companies”.

The entire August 21, 2006 article is available (by subscription) on the NLJ’s website at www.nlj.com, search “Defense Hot List.”

Beck, Redden & Secrest, L.L.P. was established 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. The firm also handles a wide range of disputes, including oil and gas, product liability, antitrust, securities, environmental, insurance coverage, legal and accounting malpractice, and patent and other intellectual property cases, as well as multi-party and multi-district litigation. More information can be found on the Firm’s web site at www.brsfirm.com.

