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Susman Godfrey Elects Five To Partnership

HOUSTON, TX -- Susman Godfrey L.L.P. announced today that Victoria L. Cook, Drew D. Hansen, William R. H. Merrill, David H. Orozco, and Brooke A. M. Taylor have been named partners of the firm.

"We could not be more pleased to welcome these five extraordinary individuals into the partnership," said managing partner Steve Susman.

VICTORIA L. COOK joined the Houston office of Susman Godfrey in 2002. Ms. Cook attended law school at the University of Texas School of Law where she served as associate editor for the Texas Law Review and graduated with honors in 2001. She received her B.A. with University Honors and Honors in Major, *magna cum laude*, in 1997 from the University of Houston. Prior to joining the firm, she served as law clerk to the Honorable Lee H. Rosenthal, United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas (2001-02). Distinctions include: Chancellors and Order of the Coif.

DREW D. HANSEN joined the Seattle office of Susman Godfrey in 2002. Mr. Hansen attended Yale Law School where he served as editor for the Yale Law Journal and graduated in 2000. He received his A.B., *summa cum laude*, in 1995 from Harvard University and his B.A. in 1997 from Oxford University. Prior to joining the firm, he served as law clerk to the Honorable Pierre N. Leval, United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit (1999-2000). He is a Rhodes Scholar and was awarded a Pro Bono Publico Service Commendation by the Washington State Bar Association in 2004.

WILLIAM R. H. MERRILL joined the Houston office of Susman Godfrey in 1998. Mr. Merrill attended law school at the University of Texas School of Law and graduated with High Honors in 1998. He also received a B.A. in 1991 and an M.B.A. in 1993, both from the University of Texas at Austin. Distinctions include: Chancellors and Order of the Coif.

DAVID H. OROZCO joined the Los Angeles office of Susman Godfrey in 2002. Mr. Orozco attended Stanford Law School where he served as an editor for the Stanford Law Review and graduated, with distinction, in 2001. He received his B.A., *magna cum laude*, in 1994 from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Prior to joining the firm, he served as law clerk to the Honorable Michael S. Kanne, United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit (2001-2002).

BROOKE A. M. TAYLOR joined the Seattle office of Susman Godfrey in 2002. Ms. Taylor attended law school at The University of Chicago where she served as Executive Editor for the University of Chicago Legal Forum and graduated in 2001. She received her B.A., *cum laude*, in 1998 from Duke University. Prior to joining the firm, she served as law clerk to the Honorable Gerald Bard Tjoflat for the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals (2001-02). Ms. Taylor has filed several amicus briefs with the United States Supreme Court and has appeared on CNBC as a legal commentator.

About Susman Godfrey L.L.P.

Susman Godfrey L.L.P., a law firm with more than 80 lawyers, was recently named one of the top litigation boutiques in the country by *The American Lawyer*. The firm represents plaintiffs and defendants in a broad range of commercial litigation matters, including antitrust, patent and intellectual property, securities and corporate governance litigation, energy, commercial and products liability litigation, bankruptcy and financial restructuring, accounting malpractice, arbitration, and foreign and international litigation matters. The firm has offices in Houston, Dallas, Seattle, Los Angeles, and New York. For additional information, visit www.susmangodfrey.com.