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Venable Attorneys John Sarbanes and J.B. Howard to Enter Public Service

WASHINGTON, DC (November 30, 2006)— Two attorneys from Venable LLP will enter public service in the coming year, continuing a long and distinguished tradition of Venable lawyers who have served in elected and appointed office. John P. Sarbanes, a Partner in the firm, will represent Maryland's Third District in the U.S. House of Representatives, and John B. "J.B." Howard, Jr. has been appointed to become one of Maryland's three new deputy attorneys general.

"Public service has long been a core value that Venable lawyers share," said Venable's Managing Partner Karl A. Racine. "I know I speak for everyone at Venable when I congratulate John and J.B. on their entry into public service and wish them success as they serve the citizens of Maryland and our country."

As head of Venable's Healthcare practice, Mr. Sarbanes has a particular interest in issues that affect the elderly and has helped numerous clients navigate complex Medicare and Medicaid regulations. He is also following a family tradition. His father, Senator Paul Sarbanes, who is retiring this year after a distinguished career in the United States Senate, also represented Maryland's Third District in the House of Representatives after practicing law at Venable.

Prior to joining Venable, Mr. Howard served as one of the lead litigation attorneys for the State of Maryland in the attorney general's office where he represented the state in significant matters at all levels of the state and federal courts and before administrative agencies. His father, John B. Howard, Sr., is a Partner in Venable's Towson, Md. office.

Mr. Sarbanes earned his J.D. from Harvard Law School (1988) and holds an A.B., cum laude, from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University (1984).

Mr. Howard earned his J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law (1989) where he was a member of the law review. He holds a B.A. from the University of North Carolina (1985) where he was a Morehead Scholar and Phi Beta Kappa.

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