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## Press Release

### Grassie and Walker Join the Miami Office

New Orleans, La. and Miami, Fla., November 16, 2004 - The law firm of Jones, Walker, Waechter, Poitevent, Carrère & Denègre, L.L.P. is pleased to announce that Yvonne Grassie and John Alan Walker have joined the firm.

Ms. Grassie joins the general business practice as special counsel in the Miami office, focusing on healthcare and corporate law. In over 17 years of practice, she has handled healthcare and corporate matters encompassing transactional, regulatory and compliance representation with respect to a broad range of healthcare entities, including home health agencies, staffing companies, physician groups, infusion, pharmacy and DME providers, discount medical plan organizations, third party billing companies, CORFs, and individual health care providers. In the corporate and international sector, her practice covers asset and stock acquisitions, service contracts, and corporate and partnership structuring. She received her J.D. from Washington University School of Law in 1987 and her B.A. from the University of Chicago in 1982. She speaks Spanish fluently. Ms. Grassie serves on a number of charitable boards of directors in Miami.

"I am very pleased that Yvonne has joined the firm. She will be of tremendous help to us with healthcare and corporate clients not just in Florida but throughout the United States and Latin America," said Tom Morante, managing partner of Jones Walker's Miami office and co-chair of the Firm's international practice. "She will be a strong addition to the firm's healthcare practice."

Mr. Walker joins the firm as special counsel focusing on labor relations and employment law and complex litigation. His practice includes representation of public and private companies, insurance companies, financial institutions, and educational institutions in labor relations and employment, complex litigation, education law, and class action matters. Mr. Walker routinely appears before state and federal courts, as well as state, federal, and administrative agencies. He received his J.D. from the University of Florida College of Law in 1996 and his B.S. from the University of Maryland in 1993.

"John's labor and employment law experience, coupled with his Miami location, strengthens our geographic reach and our client service approach to practicing labor and employment law," said Mark Adams, chair of the labor relations and employment law practice.

Jones Walker was founded in 1937 and has over 215 attorneys located in Baton Rouge, Houston, Lafayette, Miami, New Orleans and Washington, D.C. The firm handles regional, national and international legal matters for clients doing business in the United States and abroad.

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