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Press Release

David Sofge Joins Jones Walker's Miami Office

Baton Rouge, La., October 5, 2005—Jones Walker announced today that David Sofge has joined the firm in its Miami office as Special Counsel, and will continue to practice in the area of banking and financial services law, with an emphasis on the utilization of structured finance techniques for investment funds and specialized insurance products, financial restructuring and loan work-outs, loan participations and intercreditor arrangements, mortgage lending, and commercial real estate transactions. Sofge was previously Of Counsel with the firm of JordanBurt LLP.

Mr. Sofge represents banks, insurance companies, and other institutions in a broad range of financing transactions and in product design and development for domestic and international programs. He also provides representation to financial institutions in matters involving defaulted bonds and securitization programs, FSLIC, RTC, and FDIC receiverships, and the liquidation of pooled or securitized assets through litigation, negotiated settlements, asset foreclosures, and other techniques for the winding up or rehabilitation of troubled financing arrangements.

William H. Hines, managing partner of Jones Walker stated, "David Sofge joining our firm is important to the further development of our financial services practice. He brings a depth of domestic and international experience to the firm especially in respect of complex financial transactions. Through our Miami office, he will help build our international banking and financial services practices and will give us the additional real estate capability that complements the other practices critical to our South Florida client base."

According to Mr. Sofge, "As a broad-based regional law firm, Jones Walker offers the opportunity to work with attorneys across the firm to continue the development of Jones Walker's financial services practice, taking advantage of South Florida's dynamic environment and potential for expansion. I am pleased to be joining such a dynamic firm."

Jones Walker, with over 210 attorneys, provides a full range of legal services to a sophisticated national and international corporate client base through offices in Florida, Louisiana, Texas and Washington, D.C. For more information, visit www.joneswalker.com

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