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Press Release

Ed Crosland Joins Jones Walker

Washington, D.C., September 12, 2005—Jones Walker announced today that Ed Crosland has joined the firm in its Washington, DC downtown office location, and will continue to practice in the area of corporate and securities law, with an emphasis on banking and financial services, assuming a key role in the expansion of this practice for the Firm.

Mr. Crosland is a graduate of Washington & Lee University, having received his B.A., in 1966, a B.S., in 1967 and his J.D., in 1970.

Following completion of his legal education, Crosland became a staff attorney in the Division of Corporation Finance at the Securities and Exchange Commission. For two years he was assigned to the Senate Banking Committee in connection with its review of the U.S. securities markets. He entered the private practice of law in 1975 and has practiced in the commercial area his entire career.

William H. Hines, managing partner of Jones Walker stated, “We are extremely pleased with Ed Crosland’s decision to join our law firm. He brings a depth of experience and knowledge to our financial services practice that will benefit our banking clients tremendously. At the same time, Jones Walker’s experienced corporate and securities practice should enhance Ed Crosland’s representation of his banking clients, particularly throughout the southern U.S. As our financial services practice expands, his strong corporate and federal regulatory representations will truly strengthen the services we can provide.”

Mr. Crosland plans to continue in the representation of banks, thrifts and various other financial institutions. His clients include commercial banks, savings associations and other financial institutions. Crosland has particular experience in the areas of corporate and securities law matters, state and federal banking regulatory issues, mergers and acquisitions, thrift stock conversions, and bank and thrift charter conversions. His experience also includes public offerings and private placements, banking law compliance, mutual holding company reorganizations, "going private" transactions and related matters.

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