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Jones Walker Hosts Harvard Business School Team

MBA students and faculty to advise on rebuilding of New Orleans

New Orleans - January 3, 2006 –Jones Walker announced today that the Firm is hosting a team of MBA students, alumni, and individual faculty advisers from the Harvard Business School, along with individual researchers and experts from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, who are volunteering their time and expertise to assist Mayor Nagin's Economic Development Committee of the Bring New Orleans Back (BNOB) Commission.

"The City of New Orleans is grateful to this team of researchers from Harvard that has generously volunteered to provide the BNOB Commission with invaluable research and policy recommendations. To have such a talented and experienced team of people advising the city is extraordinary. We are fortunate to have their assistance," said William H. Hines, managing partner of Jones Walker and Co-Chair of the Economic Development Subcommittee of the BNOB Commission.

Doug Ahlers, a Fellow at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and owner of Muriel's Restaurant in Jackson Square in New Orleans, arranged for the team to come to the city to assist in the rebuilding efforts.

The law firm will host 15 of the students and faculty, providing them with office space, support and library resources at their 201 St. Charles Avenue location. The Harvard MBA team is expected to be in the city for several weeks during the month of January, reviewing best practices in business-government innovations and reporting their findings and recommendations to the Economic Development Committee of the BNOB Commission. The goal is to use this unprecedented opportunity in New Orleans' history, leveraging the unique assets of New Orleans, to attract new companies and industries to the area and retain existing businesses as well as to review the New Orleans Medical Corridor.

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