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Press Release

Jones Walker Law Firm Opens Downtown Houston Office; Leases 10,500 Square Feet in JPMorgan Chase Tower

HOUSTON and NEW ORLEANS – December 6, 2005 – Jones Walker expanded its Texas presence today by announcing that it has opened an office in downtown Houston, leasing 10,500 square feet on the 66th floor of the JP Morgan Chase Tower at 600 Travis. The firm currently has offices in The Woodlands, as well as in Louisiana, Florida and Washington, D.C.

John White, managing partner of The Woodlands office, will also manage the Houston office working from the downtown Houston location.

“Jones Walker’s decision to open a downtown Houston office was driven by our clients’ needs for ongoing business and legal representation in the greater Houston area,” said White. “The firm’s continued growth in Texas and Florida reflects the rapidly changing, evolving business climate along the Gulf Coast, and the consolidation taking place in the energy and maritime sectors—two major areas of strength for our firm.”

Special counsels Tom Marian, who joined the firm in July, and Captain William G. Schubert, who entered into a strategic alliance with Jones Walker in October, will spearhead development of a growing maritime practice throughout the Gulf Coast from the Houston office. According to White, the firm’s energy, corporate, general business and litigation clients will be equally served by the downtown Houston location.

“We plan to grow the firm throughout the region and expand our services to focus on the changing needs of our client base,” said Bill Hines, chairman of the firm’s Executive Committee. “With the recent hurricane season, we are experiencing growing demands in many of our practices that can best service clients through offices around the Gulf Coast.”

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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