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PRESS RELEASE

Kern Joins Jones Walker's New Orleans Office



New Orleans, La., May 9, 2007—The law firm of Jones, Walker, Waechter, Poitevent, Carrère & Denègre, L.L.P. is pleased to announce that **Tracy E. Kern** has joined the firm as special counsel in the Labor & Employment Practice Group. She will practice from the firm's New Orleans office.

Prior to joining Jones Walker, Ms. Kern was a partner and co-chair of the Labor and Employment Practice Area at Frilot Partridge, L.C. Her practice spans all aspects of employment litigation, including both state and federal claims, and individual and class action suits. Her experience includes successfully litigating cases on a national basis in more than 35 jurisdictions, as well as general employment consulting work for a wide range of industries.

Ms. Kern received her J.D. from the Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Louisiana State University in 1990 and her B.A. from Louisiana State University in 1986. She is a native of Austin, Texas.

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