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PRESS RELEASE

Debra M. Levy, Michael A. Chernekoff and Robert T. Lemon, II Strengthen Jones Walker's Houston Office







Debra M. Levy

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Houston, TX, August 10, 2006–The law firm of Jones, Walker, Waechter, Poitevent, Carrère & Denègre, L.L.P. is pleased to announce that Debra M. Levy, Michael A. Chernekoff and **Robert T. Lemon, II,** have joined the firm's Houston office. Chernekoff has expanded his practice to Houston and will co-office in New Orleans, serving clients where their needs arise. Lemon, previously with the firm's New Orleans office, will continue to serve Gulf Coast clients' needs from Houston, and will maintain an office in New Orleans.

Levy is a partner in the firm's Real Estate Practice Group. Her practice focuses on real estate development and leasing, and on the acquisition, disposition, construction and financing of real estate projects including condominium regimes. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Business Management from Marymount Manhattan College in New York and her Juris Doctorate, cum laude, from Tulane Law School. She is admitted to practice in Texas, and can be reached at: dlevy@joneswalker.com.

Michael A. Chernekoff joined the firm from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in 1982 and has been a partner in the firm's New Orleans office since 1986. He is a member of the firm's Litigation Practice Group and also is the Chair of the Environmental & Toxic Tort practice team. Chernekoff's practice also includes energy, real estate and maritime law. He received his Juris Doctorate from George Washington University with honors, and his Bachelor of Arts from Tulane University. Chernekoff is admitted to practice in Texas, Louisiana and D.C. and will practice from the firm's New Orleans and Houston offices. He can be reached at: mchernekoff@joneswalker.com.

Robert T. Lemon, II joined the firm in 1980 and was elected to partnership in 1985, practicing as a member of the firm's Admiralty and Maritime Practice Group. Lemon received his Bachelor of Science from the United States Merchant Marine Academy, his Juris Doctorate from Tulane University Law School and his LL.M. in Admiralty from the University of London. He is admitted to practice in Texas and Louisiana. Mr. Lemon can be reached at: blemon@joneswalker.com.

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