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PRESS RELEASE

Rouzan and Pardee Successfully Defend New Orleans Public Belt Railroad in Personal Injury Suit

New Orleans, La., March 7, 2008— On February 21, 2008, following a nine-day trial in Gretna, Louisiana, Jones Walker litigation associates Don A. Rouzan and Avery B. Pardee received a verdict that New Orleans Public Belt Railroad was not negligent in a personal injury case.

The plaintiff, a passenger in an automobile, was injured when the intoxicated driver drove beyond the dead-end of a state road, over two sets of railroad tracks, and into a drainage canal. The plaintiff alleged that there was an illusion that the road continued over NOPB's property and that NOPB negligently failed to provide adequate signage and barricades beyond the dead end of the road. The plaintiff sustained a severe facial laceration and a knee fracture in the accident. The plaintiff further alleged that she sustained a traumatic brain injury that affected her cognitive ability and that she suffered from permanent post-traumatic stress disorder, and sought general damages in excess of \$2.4 million dollars.

At trial, the plaintiff called 23 witnesses, including five experts and two NOPB employees. NOPB's case was developed primarily through cross-examination of the plaintiff's witnesses, and so called only four witnesses. The court returned a verdict that NOPB was not negligent and was not a contributing cause of the accident.



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Rouzan received his J.D. from Howard University School of Law in 2003. Pardee received her J.D. from Tulane University Law School in 2007. Jones Walker's Business and Commercial Litigation attorneys provide litigation counsel, advice, and support to many of the world's largest corporations, as well as to prominent local and regional companies. The firm's litigation attorneys are experienced in a wide variety of substantive areas, including antitrust and trade regulation, banking, bankruptcy, construction, contracts, environmental and toxic torts,

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