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Hennigan Bennett & Dorman Names Three Partners

LOS ANGELES – Dec. 17 2009 – Hennigan Bennett & Dorman LLP, a highly regarded litigation and business reorganization firm in Los Angeles, today named Paul Derby, Robert Mockler and Joshua Morse partners. All three are under 40 and have served the firm as associates for more than five years.

“We’re pleased to name Paul, Robby, and Josh, partners. Each is an exceptionally talented attorney,” noted name partner Bruce Bennett. “All three have been critical players in complex corporate workouts or trials involving Fortune 500 companies and will remain invaluable assets as we continue to grow our firm.”

Derby, an experienced litigator specializing in complex commercial matters, was part of the team of HBD attorneys representing Rabobank, the third largest Dutch bank, in a \$500 million fraud action against the largest Canadian bank related to the sale of Enron-related securities. Derby also helped represent a major motion picture studio defend against hundreds of millions of dollars in royalties claims. His litigation expertise ranges from real estate to commercial fraud, antitrust, appraisal, bankruptcy, entertainment and tort matters, among others. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in government and history from the University of Redlands, and a Juris Doctor from the University of California, Los Angeles.

Mockler specializes in complex business litigation and arbitration. He served on the HBD team that recently won a jury verdict representing Sempra Energy, a Fortune 500 energy services company, in a lawsuit with the California Department of Water Resources over the alleged breach of a \$6.6 billion energy contract. Mockler was also part of the HBD team that successfully represented Sempra in two previous AAA arbitration proceedings on the same contract. For the past three years, Mockler has helped represent San Diego Gas & Electric Company in state and federal court litigation seeking refunds from governmental entities for overcharges on sales of power during the California energy crisis. He also represented the founder of mortgage lender DiTech in an international arbitration proceeding against a “Big Four” accounting company. Mockler earned a Bachelor of Arts from Stanford University and a Juris Doctor from the University of California, Berkeley.

Morse works primarily on bankruptcy and bankruptcy-related litigation and transactions. He has represented creditors and creditor groups in a number of Chapter 11 cases and out-of-court

workouts, including ad hoc committees of bondholders of Solutia Inc., Adelphia Communications Corporation, the City of Klamath Falls, and Dade Behring Holdings, Inc., and the largest creditors in chapter 11 proceedings involving the Tropicana Las Vegas Resort and Casino. He has also represented a number of debtors in Chapter 11 proceedings, including Factory 2-U Stores, Inc., Komag, Incorporated and Opal Concepts, Inc., et al., Liberty House, Strouds, Areal and SmarTalk TeleServices. Morse also served as counsel to the Chapter 11 trustee for Hawaiian Airlines, and the Chapter 7 trustee for Brobeck, Phleger & Harrison LLP. He received a Bachelor of Business Administration from New Mexico State University and a Juris Doctor from Santa Clara University.

About Hennigan Bennett and Dorman LLP

Hennigan, Bennett & Dorman is a litigation, business reorganization, and intellectual property law firm in Los Angeles that represents some of the nation's largest corporations in critical trials and reorganizations. The firm's interdisciplinary, team approach allows its lawyers to frequently participate in matters originating in other practice groups, helping them become "generalists," with wide-ranging experience in handling many different types of cases. To learn more, visit www.hbdlawyers.com.

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