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36 General Counsels Celebrated at the Orange County Business Journal's Second Annual General Counsel Awards Dinner & Program

IRVINE, CA—More than 400 people gathered at the Hyatt Regency Irvine on Tuesday, June 28 to honor five of Orange County's top law professionals for their exceptional legal skill and accomplishments at the Second Annual General Counsel Awards Program, a ceremony designed to acknowledge the significant role that in-house counsel plays in the success of a business.

Hosted by the Orange County Business Journal and Diamond Sponsor Callahan & Blaine, the program celebrated the achievements and community contributions of 36 nominees. Dean of Chapman University School of Law, Tom Campbell, acted as master of ceremonies and delivered an engaging keynote address, reflecting on the important roles that general counsels play in the business community.

Winners were selected for their exceptional legal skill and demonstrable achievement across the full spectrum of in-house responsibility, exemplary leadership as evidenced by the highest professional and ethical standards, and for contributions to the Orange County community at large. This year, 36 in-house counsels were nominated for awards in three categories. Awards were presented to the following five people:

PUBLIC COMPANY CATEGORY:

Stergios "Terry" Theologides

CoreLogic Inc., Santa Ana

As senior vice president, general counsel and secretary, Stergios "Terry" Theologides has been instrumental in guiding CoreLogic through its spin-off from First American Financial Corp. The spin-off of June 2010 established CoreLogic Inc. as an independent, stand-alone public company. Theologides also executed several post-spin-off strategic transactions, including a \$265 million sale of nonstrategic businesses and a \$140 million acquisition of an Australian public company.

In the legal community, Theologides has been a strong advocate for borrower-friendly loan reforms and has served as a proponent of change within the marketplace. Considered to be a progressive thinker and one of the most skilled representatives of the subprime industry, Theologides is well known and respected in both Sacramento and Capitol Hill.

As an active member of the Orange County community, Theologides served as a board member for the Anaheim Interfaith Shelter from 1997 to 2007 and is also a committee member for Princeton Alumni Schools, Orange County Chapter. Theologides earned his JD from Columbia Law School.

John Alpay**Oakley Inc., Foothill Ranch**

John Alpay began his legal career at McDermott, Will & Emery LLP, where he managed corporate projects, including mergers and acquisitions, private placements, and commercial agreements in the health care arena. After holding positions in companies such as eMachines Inc. and Samsung, Alpay now serves as the director of Legal Affairs at Oakley Inc., one of the most iconic brands in the world, and part of the international publicly traded Luxottica Group. As the primary in-house counsel at Oakley, he is responsible for all company legal matters worldwide. In addition to his work as in-house counsel, Alpay has been an extremely active member of the community. In 2010, he was elected as a Member and Clerk of the Governing Board of Trustees of the Capistrano Unified School District. Alpay holds a JD and a MBA from the University of California, Los Angeles, and a BA from the University of California, Berkeley.

PRIVATE COMPANY CATEGORY:**Daniel Burke****St. John Knits International, Irvine**

Since joining St. John Knits, Daniel Burke has transformed St. John Knits' legal department and restructured several other departments to preserve and protect relationships with longtime employees while at the same time enhancing profitability for the company. Within the organization, his achievements are vast – during 2010, Burke led the legal team in the negotiation of the company's new revolving and term loan credit facilities with JP Morgan Chase. He also played a leadership role in negotiating the terms for the expiration of St. John's high profile celebrity endorsement contract with actress and fashion model Angelina Jolie, and in negotiating the terms of the celebrity endorsement contract with fashion model Karen Elson. In 2009, Burke was named as a member of St. John's "Rapid Response Team" to quickly develop and implement a company-wide restructuring that resulted in increased efficiency, productivity and over \$50 million in cost savings.

Burke is also a recipient of the "Seven Seals Award" from the U.S. Department of Defense for his leadership and initiative in support of the men and women who serve our country.

Wendy Peterson**Knobbe Martens Olson & Bear LLP, Irvine**

Wendy Peterson has been General Counsel since 2002 to Knobbe, Martens, Olson & Bear, LLP, the largest law firm in Orange County, and one of the world's largest law firms focused exclusively on intellectual property litigation, prosecution and client counseling matters. During her nine-year tenure, Peterson has helped the firm double the number of professionals. Despite this growth, she has remained a solo GC at Knobbe.

Peterson has made notable contributions to Knobbe's success, both as a lawyer and as a trusted and valuable business partner. In particular, she negotiated a multi-million purchase of a high-rise office building for her firm, and she created an LLC to acquire and own the building. In addition, Peterson developed an innovative and leading-edge loss prevention program that dramatically reduced the firm's malpractice insurance premiums.

In the community, Peterson volunteers her time extensively for UC Irvine, serving as a guest lecturer for international business and leadership courses and a mentor in the university's Law Forum for pre-law students. Peterson received her JD from the University of Hawaii.

RISING STAR AWARD:**Matthew Maletta****Allergan Inc., Irvine**

When Matthew Maletta joined Allergan in early 2002 after working as an associate at Skadden Arps and Brobeck, Phleger & Harrison, he was immediately tasked with the responsibility of serving as the corporate point person in effecting Allergan's spinoff of Advanced Medical Optics (AMO). Maletta has helped oversee essentially every one of Allergan's corporate transactions over the ensuing eight years, including the company's \$3.4 billion purchase of Inamed Corporation, its \$370 million purchase of Esprit Pharma, Inc., its \$230 million purchase of Oculex Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and its \$150 million purchase of Aczone®. Maletta also has represented Allergan in various financing transactions with an aggregate value in excess of \$3 billion.

Maletta is invited annually to attend Allergan's management team retreats, as he is identified as one of those expected to be a driving force for the organization's future. As Allergan's principal corporate attorney, he works directly with its outside counsel in developing the best public company practices for which Allergan is widely acclaimed.

Maletta received his JD from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1996.

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