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**Taylor Porter Announces New Managing Partner**

Taylor Porter is pleased to announce that Harry J. "Skip" Philips has been elected Managing Partner of the Firm by its Executive Committee. He succeeds W. Arthur Abercrombie, Jr. who announced to the Firm earlier this year his intention to not seek election to a fourth term as Managing Partner in 2010. Abercrombie served as Managing Partner for the past six years and intends to return to the full-time practice of law to concentrate on his litigation practice.

Philips succeeds Abercrombie after practicing with Taylor Porter for 27 years and serving as a member of the Executive Committee since 1997. His primary areas of practice include state and federal civil trial, appellate litigation and corporate law. He is a retired Major General in the U.S. Army Reserve and an adjunct professor of law at Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center. Philips is appointed to Chair the Lawyer Disciplinary Hearing Committee by the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board.

Philips is a 1983 graduate of Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center where he was the Editor-in-Chief of the *Louisiana Law Review* and elected to Order of the Coif.

"Skip is an outstanding choice to lead Taylor Porter. We are confident that his experience will continue to lead the firm to great heights and uphold our nearly 100-year tradition of commitment to client service," said Arthur Abercrombie.

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With eighty-one (81) attorneys in Baton Rouge and a highly-capable technology infrastructure, the Firm is well-equipped to handle the most complex transactions and litigation, yet still serves its clients on a person-to-person basis. Our excellent reputation has been earned by providing our clients with the highest quality legal services for nearly a century. Taylor Porter remains committed to providing our clients with excellent professional services at reasonable cost.

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