Winstead's Mike Baggett Named Chairman of the Dallas Regional Chamber

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Dallas, TX, Jan. 27, 2011 – Chairman Emeritus and Shareholder W. Mike Baggett was named chairman of the Dallas Regional Chamber at the organization's Annual Meeting, held Jan. 26, 2011, at the Fairmont Hotel in downtown Dallas. Highly respected in the legal and business community, Baggett will be the second attorney in history to lead the Chamber. Board certified in Civil Trial Law, Baggett is a past member of the board and executive committee of the State Bar of Texas and past president and chairman of the board of the Dallas Bar Association. He serves as a fellow of the American Bar Foundation; chair of fellows and trustee, Center for American and International Law; chair of fellows and trustee, Texas Bar Foundation; chairman, trustee and fellow, Dallas Bar Foundation; and fellow, Litigation Council of America (some current and some past).

As former chairman of the Cotton Bowl Athletic Association and director for the Dallas Citizens Council, Baggett has demonstrated a deep commitment to the North Texas region and invests his spirit and energy into projects that bring economic stability and growth to the community. Baggett has also served as chairman of the Dallas/Fort Worth Regional Sports Commission and chairman of Downtown Dallas. He is a past chairman and trustee of the Texas A&M Foundation, past president of the Texas A&M Association of Former Students, and he served as president of the Baylor Law School Alumni Association.

Among his many honors, Baggett was recently named the 2010 recipient of the Morris Harrell Professionalism Award, presented annually by the Dallas Bar Association and the Texas Center for Legal Ethics and Professionalism. He is also the recipient of the Judge Sam Williams Leadership Award from the State Bar of Texas and has been listed in *Who's Who in American Law*; *Who's Who in Litigation*; *Best Lawyers in America*; Best Lawyers, *D Magazine*; Texas Super Lawyers; and top 10 Litigators, *Dallas Business Journal*.

Known as the attorney who did write the book, Baggett has argued and been successful in six published opinions of the Texas Supreme Court and has tried over 50 commercial cases at the trial level. He is the author of three legal books and a well known lecturer before judicial conferences, bar associations, law schools, trade and industry groups. His legal publications have been cited as authority by 12 appellate courts.

He received his B.B.A. from Texas A&M (Distinguished Alumni, 1998) and his J.D., cum laude, from Baylor University School of Law. He clerked for Justice Price Daniel, Sr. of the Texas Supreme Court and was awarded a Bronze Star for Viet Nam service as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

The Dallas Regional Chamber is the area's leading membership-driven business organization committed to promoting economic prosperity by leading economic development, driving improvements in public education, influencing public policy, and catalyzing and advocating for regional partnerships. The Chamber works to ensure that the Dallas region will become the most economically prosperous region - and the most desirable place to live and work - in the United States. The Chamber is a not for profit organization comprised of businesses which represent all facets of the North Texas business community. For more information, please contact the Dallas Regional Chamber at (214) 746-6600 or visit www.dallaschamber.org.

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