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Laura Gibson to Serve As New Houston Bar Association President

(HOUSTON – June 10, 2015) – Laura Gibson, partner in Ogden, Gibson, Broocks, Longoria & Hall, L.L.P., is the new president of the Houston Bar Association (HBA), succeeding M. Carter Crow of Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP. With 11,300 members, the HBA is the fifth largest metropolitan bar association in the nation.

Other new HBA officers are Neil D. Kelly of Andrews Kurth LLP; president-elect; Todd M. Frankfort of Flowers & Frankfort, first vice president; Benny Agosto, Jr. of Abraham, Watkins, Nichols, Sorrels, Agosto & Friend, second vice president; Warren W. Harris of Bracewell & Giuliani LLP, secretary; and Alistair B. Dawson of Beck Redden LLP, treasurer. Crow will serve on the board as immediate past president.

New directors for 2015-2017 are Bill Kroger of Baker Botts L.L.P.; Jennifer A. Hasley of Hasley Scarano, L.L.P.; Daniella D. Landers of Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP; and Erin Lunceford of Sprott Newsom Lunceford Quattlebaum Messenger, P.C.

Serving as directors for 2014-2016 are Richard Burleson of Burleson LLP; Diana Gomez of Martin, Disiere, Jefferson & Wisdom, L.L.P; Chris Popov of Vinson & Elkins LLP; and Greg Ulmer of Baker Hostetler LLP.

Gibson, 54, has been a member of the HBA Board of Directors since 2006. She chaired the HBA Labor and Employment Section, served on the council of the HBA Litigation Section, and chaired the Houston Lawyer Referral Service Board of Directors. Gibson has served in leadership roles on numerous HBA committees, including Administration of Justice, Gender Fairness, Law Week, Judicial Polls, Continuing Legal Education, Juvenile Consequences, Minority Opportunities in the Legal Profession, and

Lawyers Against Waste. She is a Sustaining Life Fellow of the Houston Bar Foundation and a Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation.

Gibson is a director for District 4 of the State Bar of Texas, where she chaired the Advertising Review Committee and the Administration Committee. The State Bar's Texas Minority Counsel Program honored her with the Trailblazer Outside Counsel Award in 2013. Gibson has been active in the Association of Women Attorneys since 2003, serving as president in 2011-2012.

Gibson is board certified in Labor and Employment Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. She has been a trial instructor for the National Board of Trial Advocacy and an adjunct professor in legal communications and trial advocacy at the University of Houston Law Center. Gibson is a 1982 graduate of Texas A&M University and a 1984 graduate of the University of Houston Law Center.

Gibson is married to her law partner, Bill Ogden, and together they have four children: Wes, a Marine Captain currently stationed at the Naval Air Station Pensacola; Sheila, a teacher at KIPP Courage College Prep at Landrum Middle School; Kelly, a nurse and research assistant at Methodist Hospital; and Christine, a rising junior at Texas A&M School of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences.

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Note to editors: The home zip code of Laura Gibson is 77024; her office zip code is 77002.

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