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Alistair Dawson to Serve As New Houston Bar Association President

(HOUSTON – May 19, 2017) – Alistair B. Dawson, a partner at Beck Redden LLP, is the new president of the Houston Bar Association (HBA), succeeding Neil Kelly of Andrews Kurth Kenyon LLP. With 11,400 members, the HBA is the fifth largest metropolitan bar association in the nation.

Other new officers are Warren W. Harris of Bracewell LLP, president-elect; Bill Kroger of Baker Botts L.L.P., first vice president; Jennifer A. Hasley of Hasley Scarano, L.L.P., second vice president; Chris Popov of Vinson & Elkins LLP, secretary; and Benny Agosto, Jr. of Abraham, Watkins, Nichols, Sorrels, Agosto & Aziz, treasurer. Kelly will serve on the board as immediate past president.

New directors for 2017-2019 are Collin Cox of Yetter Coleman LLP; Daniella Landers of ReedSmith LLP; Hon. Erin Lunceford of Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP; and Lionel M. Schooler of Jackson Walker L.L.P.

Serving as directors for 2016-2018 are Richard Burlison of Paul Hastings LLP; David Harrell of Locke Lord LLP; Diana Gomez of Martin, Disiere, Jefferson & Wisdom, L.L.P.; and Greg Ulmer of Baker Hostetler LLP.

As HBA president, Dawson will implement programs to help people with special needs, including recruiting and training lawyers to provide pro bono legal services for families struggling to get accommodations for special needs children in schools. He also will start an initiative called Project Train, to educate employers interested in hiring workers with special needs.

Dawson has been a member of the HBA Board of Directors since 2009. He chaired the HBA's Houston Volunteer Lawyers and the HBA Antitrust and Trade Regulation Section. Dawson served in leadership roles on numerous HBA committees, including the Administration of Justice Committee, the Dispute Resolution Center, the Golf Tournament

Committee and the Eikenburg Law Week Fun Run. He is a Life Fellow of the Houston Bar Foundation and the Texas Bar Foundation.

Dawson's practice at Beck Redden focuses on business and commercial litigation, antitrust, class actions and mass torts, energy law, intellectual property and labor/employment law. He earned his undergraduate degree in international economics and business from Vanderbilt University and his law degree, with honors, from the University of Texas School of Law, where he was a member of the Chancellor's Society and editor of the *Texas Law Review*.

Dawson is married to Wendy Dawson, founder and executive director of Social Motion Skills, a charity that provides strategies and life path solutions that enable people with cognitive challenges to become productive, fulfilled individuals. They have four children: a daughter, Kaitlyn, an attorney with Ware, Jackson, Lee, O'Neill, Smith & Barrow, LLP; and three sons, Cameron, Collin and Connor.

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Note to editors: Alistair Dawson's home zip code is 77024; his office zip code is 77010.

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