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**PATTERSON BELKNAP ACHIEVES 100% PARTICIPATION IN
PRO BONO PROGRAM FOR 2004**

Every Lawyer Joins the Effort

New York – January 12, 2005 – Patterson, Belknap, Webb & Tyler LLP announced 100% participation of its partners, counsel, associates and staff attorneys in its *pro bono* program for 2004. The New York City-based firm has always been a leader in *pro bono publico* service, but 2004 is the first year the firm has had 100% participation of its attorneys in the program.

The 190-lawyer firm regularly ranks in the top ten in *pro bono* service in *The American Lawyer* magazine's annual survey of America's 200 largest law firms. For 2003, it ranked sixth and for 2002, it ranked first. Among New York-based firms, Patterson Belknap ranked first in 2002 and second in 2003.

According to Lisa Cleary, a partner in the firm and Chair of its Pro Bono Committee, "The members of the Pro Bono Committee are so pleased with this level of participation, which reflects each individual attorney's commitment to public service as well as the firm's commitment to the highest ideals of the legal profession. All of our lawyers are very proud of their substantial contributions to those who could not otherwise afford legal counsel."

Managing partner Rochelle Korman says, "The firm has always encouraged its professionals to give back to those less fortunate through our *pro bono* program. I am very proud of our attorneys who have generously donated their time to help low income individuals and organizations in need."

Patterson Belknap's *Pro Bono* Committee is composed of lawyers and key administrators. Current members are Andrew Beame, Lauren Hammer Breslow, Marvin Brittman, Lisa Cleary, Gregory Diskant, Antonia Grumbach, Robin Klum, Rose Kob, Gloria Phares, Peter Schaeffer, Frederick Warder and Stephen Younger.

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