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Barrett Reasoner Takes Office As New Houston Bar Association President

(HOUSTON – May 15, 2009) – Barrett H. Reasoner, a partner with Gibbs & Bruns LLP, is the new president of the Houston Bar Association (HBA). With nearly 12,000 members, the HBA is the fifth largest metropolitan bar association in the nation. Reasoner succeeded Travis J. Sales, a partner at Baker Botts L.L.P., at the Houston Bar Association’s Annual Dinner Meeting on May 14 at River Oaks Country Club.

Other new HBA officers are T. Mark Kelly of Vinson & Elkins, president-elect; David A. Chaumette of De la Rosa & Chaumette, first vice president; Brent Benoit of Locke, Lord, Bissell & Liddell, second vice president; M. Carter Crow of Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P., secretary, and Denise Scofield of Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP, treasurer. Sales will serve on the board as immediate past president.

New directors for 2009-2011 are Alistair B. Dawson of Beck Redden & Secrest, LLP; Hon. David O. Fraga, municipal judge; Jennifer A. Hasley of Hasley Scarano, L.L.P.; and Daniella D. Landers of Epstein Becker Green Wickliff & Hall PC.

Completing terms as directors for 2008-2010 are Benny Agosto, Jr. of Abraham, Watkins, Nichols, Sorrels & Friend; Todd M. Frankfort of The Fullenweider Firm; Laura Gibson of Ogden Gibson Brooks & Longoria, L.L.P.; and Warren W. Harris of Bracewell & Giuliani LLP.

Reasoner, 45, has served on the HBA board of directors since 2000, holding the offices of president-elect, first vice president, second vice president, secretary, treasurer and two terms as a director. He chaired the HBA’s Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program, which provides pro bono legal services to low-income Houstonians. Reasoner has chaired or co-chaired the

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Administration of Justice, Adopt-A-School, Campaign for the Homeless, Interprofessional Drug Education Alliance, Judicial Polls, Law Week and Professionalism committees of the HBA. He is a three-time recipient of President's Awards in recognition for his dedication and outstanding service in chairing various bar committees.

Reasoner's practice at Gibbs & Bruns focuses on complex commercial litigation in a broad array of areas, including oil and gas, legal and professional malpractice, construction, securities and intellectual property. Upon graduation from law school in 1990, Reasoner served as an Assistant District Attorney for Harris County. He joined Gibbs & Bruns in 1992 and became a partner in 1996. Reasoner is recognized by *Chambers USA* as a Leading Individual in the areas of Commercial and Energy Litigation. He is also listed in *Best Lawyers in America* for Commercial Litigation.

Reasoner earned his B.A. degree, cum laude, from Duke University in 1986 and a graduate diploma from the London School of Economics and Political Science in 1987. He earned his law degree with honors in 1990 from The University of Texas School of Law, where he was a member of the Order of the Barristers.

Reasoner is a member of the American Judicature Society, serving on the board from 1994-2000, and the American Law Institute. Reasoner is a fellow of the Houston Bar Foundation and the Texas Bar Foundation, and he serves on the boards of The Joy School and St. John's School. Reasoner and his wife Susan, also a former Assistant District Attorney, have five children: Eloise, 7; Olivia, 9; William, 11; Caroline, 13; and Matthew, 14.

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