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Douglas Palais Joins Richmond's Vandeventer Black LLP

Richmond, VA. (January 6, 2015) – Experienced trial lawyer Douglas Palais has joined Vandeventer Black LLP as Of Counsel. He will be working from the firm's office in downtown Richmond. His principal practice areas involve Professional Liability matters, including the representation of Insurance and Securities Professionals, Corporate Directors & Officers, Securities Litigation and Arbitration, Insurance Coverage, and the defense of lawyers and law firms.

“Doug is a great addition to the Professional Liability and Commercial Litigation practices at the firm, and we are thrilled he chose to continue his practice with us in these important areas.” said James C. Cosby, Richmond Department Manager. “He’s a great lawyer all around, and his practice is a great fit here. His addition is a great benefit to the clients we work with, and another very good addition to the firm this year.”

Palais has over 35 years of experience and is listed in *Best Lawyers in America* for Insurance, Securities Litigation and Capital Markets. He is also a Virginia *Super Lawyer* in the areas of Insurance and Securities Litigation. He has tried dozens of jury trials, bench trials and arbitrations in Virginia and in other jurisdictions. In addition to trying cases in courts and before arbitration panels, Doug has extensive appellate experience in Virginia and in the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. A long-time member of the Virginia State Bar and the District of Columbia Bar, Doug has also handled cases in North Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, Oklahoma, Texas and Colorado.

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Palais was graduated from Lafayette College and earned his J.D. from Northwestern University School of Law in 1978, where he was Notes and Comments Editor of the Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology and an Instructor in Legal Writing. A clerkship at the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit brought him to Richmond, where Palais is very active in the community and an Adjunct Professor at the VCU School of Business, where he teaches Insurance Law. He lives in Henrico County with his wife, Hazel; his son, Gabe; and their four dogs.

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