Trial Lawyer Jay Old Joins Texas-based Hicks Thomas LLP

Veteran trial lawyer Jay Old has joined commercial litigation firm **Hicks Thomas LLP** where he will continue to represent construction, insurance, petrochemical and health care companies as part of his client portfolio.

Old's addition will add offices in Austin and Beaumont. Old joined the firm effective Jan. 1.

"We are thrilled to be adding Jay and his team. He's an exceptional lawyer with an outstanding track record," said John B. Thomas, name partner and firm co-founder. "Many of us have known Jay for years, dating back to our days together at Andrews Kurth."

Old's clients include refineries, construction contractors, manufacturers, hospital systems and insurers. Joining him is labor and employment lawyer Jim Henges, along with four other lawyers from Old's firm.

"I like to say I represent the job creators," Old said. "I'm very excited to be joining the Hicks Thomas team, and hope to add to its reputation as a premier trial firm."

Old is a frequent speaker at continuing education programs for lawyers across the country. He also is a former president of the Texas Association of Defense Counsel and has chaired the Construction Law Section of the State Bar of Texas.

He has defended national clients in statewide and regional mass tort litigation, in toxic torts, construction and product liability cases. He also successfully defended insurance companies in a series of high-profile trials involving hailstorm claims in Galveston and elsewhere.

Old is Board Certified in Personal Injury Trial Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization and has been recognized on the Texas Super Lawyers list every year since 2005. A native of Beaumont, he is a graduate of Texas A&M University and the Texas Tech University School of Law.

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