Texas Law Firm GODWIN PC Names R. Alan York Managing Shareholder, COO

The Texas-based trial and appellate law firm GODWIN PC has named Houston appellate attorney and firm President **R. Alan York** as Managing Shareholder and Chief Operating Officer, effective January 6, 2016.

"Alan's appointment as Managing Shareholder is another indicator of the importance of our Houston office to the Firm," says GODWIN PC Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Donald E. Godwin. "As President, Alan has bolstered the Firm's reputation for strong leadership, and, as Managing Shareholder, his leadership skills will benefit GODWIN PC even further."

York succeeds Godwin as Managing Shareholder. Godwin will continue in his roles as Chairman and CEO.

Rounding out the firm's Executive Committee, Bruce W. Bowman Jr. will continue in his dual role as Executive Vice President and General Counsel, while Jenny L. Martinez will maintain her position as Executive Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer.

In addition to his roles as Managing Shareholder, President and COO, York will continue to serve as Chair of the GODWIN PC Appellate Practice Section. Board Certified in Civil Appellate Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization, York provides trial support and error preservation, as well as appellate briefing and argument, on significant civil cases.

York has earned selection to *The Best Lawyers in America* for the past two years. He also has been honored as one of Houston's Top 100 lawyers three different times on the annual *Texas Super Lawyers* list published by Thomson Reuters' legal

division, where he has been listed since 2003. York has also been recognized seven times among *Texas Magazine*‘s Top Lawyers in Houston, in addition to similar recent honors from *Houstonia* magazine. He is AV Preeminent rated by Martindale-Hubbell, the highest ranking for ethics and legal ability. York also serves as a trustee for the Houston Grand Opera and serves on the National Leadership Council of Lambda Legal.

According to a release, **GODWIN PC**, founded in 1980, is a mid-sized trial and appellate firm with a national practice. With offices in Dallas and Houston, GODWIN PC represents Fortune 500 and middle-market industry leaders in Mission Critical Litigation® throughout the United States. The firm is known for handling some of the biggest business litigation cases in Texas and elsewhere, including its successful representation of Halliburton in the landmark environmental litigation stemming from the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill, the release says.