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Seattle Litigator Fredric C. Tausend Named Ninth Circuit's Outstanding Lawyer

SAN FRANCISCO – Fredric C. Tausend of Seattle, an elite trial attorney, former law school dean and early advocate of diversity in the legal profession, has been selected the 2007 recipient of the Ninth Circuit's John P. Frank Award, recognizing an outstanding lawyer practicing in the federal courts of the western United States.

Mr. Tausend will receive the award on July 16, during the opening session of the 2007 Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel in Honolulu. The presentation will be made by Albert F. Pagni, Esq., and J. Richard Creatura, Esq., members of the Ninth Circuit Advisory Board.

Named for the late John P. Frank of Arizona, a distinguished attorney, author, law professor, civil liberties advocate and legal historian, the award was established in 2003 by the Judicial Council of the Ninth Circuit, governing body for federal courts in the western states. The Advisory Board, a group of experienced attorneys that advises the judicial council on matters of court administration, nominates candidates for the award.

“I am delighted to see Fred Tausend receive this award. He is an outstanding lawyer, who has distinguished himself not only for his success in the courtroom, but for the influence he has had as an educator and mentor to so many young lawyers,” said Ninth Circuit Chief Judge Mary M. Schroeder.

Mr. Tausend's legal career spans nearly 50 years. Since 1990, he has been a senior counsel at Seattle's Kirkpatrick & Lockhart Preston Gates Ellis, LLP, where his practice focuses on litigation and appellate practice. Prior to joining that firm, he practiced for 32

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years with the Seattle firm of Schweppe, Krug & Tausend, where he made his mark as top antitrust lawyer and was involved in precedent-setting antitrust cases in federal and state courts around the country. He also served during the 1960s in the antitrust and consumer protection division of the Washington State Attorney General's Office.

From 1980 to 1986, Mr. Tausend took a partial leave of absence from his practice to become dean of the University of Puget Sound Law School (now Seattle University Law School), which flourished under his leadership. He had served previously as an adjunct professor of law at the school, teaching courses in antitrust, trademark and copyright, and legal ethics. He also taught at the University of Washington Law School as a Shefelman Distinguished Lecturer in 1991-1992 and 1995.

More recently, Mr. Tausend has devoted an increasing amount of his practice to alternative dispute resolution, serving both as a mediator and arbitrator.

In nominating him for the award, colleagues noted that Mr. Tausend recognized the need for diversity long before the rest of the legal profession and advocated quietly on behalf of women and people of color. They also pointed to his contributions as a mentor and friend to generations of young lawyers, and to pro bono and bar activities, including his work as a former lawyer representative to the Ninth Circuit.

The John Frank Award recognizes a lawyer who has "demonstrated outstanding character and integrity; dedication to the rule of law; proficiency as a trial and appellate lawyer; success in promoting collegiality among members of the bench and bar; and a lifetime of service to the federal courts of the Ninth Circuit." Over the course of his 62-year career, the late Mr. Frank was involved in more than 500 appeals argued before the Arizona Court of Appeals, the Arizona Supreme Court, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, other federal circuit courts and the United States Supreme Court.

The Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference meets pursuant to Section 333 of Title 28 of the United States Code for "the purpose of considering the business of the courts and advising means of improving the administration of justice within such circuit." The Ninth Circuit consists of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the district and bankruptcy courts and related court units for the district and bankruptcy courts in nine western states and two Pacific Island jurisdictions.

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