

Press Contact:
Meredith McKee
Vollmer Public Relations
972/488-4790
mmckee@vollmerpr.com

**Hermes Sargent Bates Attorneys Recognized
As Texas' Best**
Founding Partner Veronica Bates Selected as a Top 50 Female Attorney

DALLAS — Oct. 1, 2006 — For the third consecutive year, multiple attorneys at Hermes Sargent Bates, a leading, full-service law firm in Dallas, have been selected for the nationally recognized Super Lawyers® list by *Law & Politics* magazine and from peer surveys around the state. This year, 10 honorees, including all six of the founding partners, will be profiled in the October issue of *Texas Monthly* and the special *Texas Super Lawyers* publication. The esteemed list also recognizes one of the firm's founding partners, Veronica Bates, as one of Texas' top 50 female attorneys.

"We're very proud that our peers continue to recognize our firm's outstanding lawyers, many of whom are the best in their practice areas," said Founding Partner Dwayne Hermes. "We value the contributions of everyone, and it is an honor to work alongside these talented individuals."

Super Lawyers® recognizes the top five percent of Texas attorneys in more than 60 practice areas. *Law & Politics* uses a nine-month selection process that begins with a survey of more than 55,000 active lawyers across the state who have been licensed to practice five years or more. The ballot language discourages votes based purely on reputation by asking lawyers to nominate the best attorneys they've "personally observed in action."

In addition to the survey, *Law & Politics* researches credentials of nominees, assembles a blue ribbon review panel of leading attorneys from each practice area, directly contacts lawyers and law firm representatives, verifies data and conducts a good-standing review of candidates.

The following lawyers from Hermes Sargent Bates were recognized by Super Lawyers® for their outstanding work in their respective practice areas:

- Veronica M. Bates, founding partner: Top 50 Female Attorneys; Insurance Coverage
- Dwayne J. Hermes, founding partner: General Litigation
- Michael L. Hurst, founding partner: Civil Litigation
- David M. Hymer, founding partner: Workers' Compensation
- David L. Sargent, founding partner: Transportation/Maritime
- Daniel D. Tostrud, founding partner: Civil Litigation
- Frank Alvarez, partner: Health Care
- Anthony S. Cox, partner: Insurance Coverage
- Christopher P. Hansen, partner: Civil Litigation
- Monte K. Hurst, partner: Employment & Labor

The complete list of 2006 Texas Super Lawyers is also available at www.superlawyers.com

About Hermes Sargent Bates:

Hermes Sargent Bates, the largest firm in Texas with a female name partner, is a full-service firm that works with a wide array of local, national, and international clients in the risk, manufacturing, services, and commercial sectors. Named by *Texas Lawyer* as the sixth fastest growing firm in Texas, the firm handles a wide range of cases in a variety of practice areas, including: appellate & litigation support, banking & finance, bankruptcy & creditors' rights, commercial litigation, construction litigation, corporate, general employment & labor, healthcare, insurance, mass tort litigation, medical malpractice, mergers & acquisitions, premises liability, products liability, professional liability, real estate, transportation, and workers' compensation. The attorneys also have a broad depth of experience in advising clients on non-litigation matters.

More information can be found at www.hsblaw.com.

###