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**HOUSTON BAR FOUNDATION
NAMES NEW OFFICERS, DIRECTORS FOR 2010
*Robinson Will Serve as Foundation Chair***

(HOUSTON – January 22, 2010) – Kent W. (Rocky) Robinson of Andrews Kurth LLP took office January 13 as the new chair of the Houston Bar Foundation. He succeeded **Stewart W. Gagnon** of Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. at the Annual Meeting and Luncheon of the Houston Bar Foundation at The Houston Club.

Other new officers are **Christine LaFollette** of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, vice chair, and **David Sterling** of Baker Botts L.L.P., treasurer.

New directors for 2010-2012 are **Melanie Gray** of Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP; **Robert J. McAughan** of Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell LLP ; and **Thomas M. Roche** of ExxonMobil Corporation.

Completing terms as directors for 2009-2011 are **Daniel D. Herink** of Administaff, Inc.; **William C. (Bill) Lowrey** of Shell Oil Company; and **John Eddie Williams, Jr.** of Williams Kherkher Hart Boundas, LLP.

New Foundation Chair Rocky Robinson is a partner at Andrews Kurth LLP and practices in the litigation area, where he focuses on complex commercial and business litigation and arbitration. Robinson served as president of the Houston Bar Association in 2004-2005. He chaired the Houston Lawyer Referral Service and served on the HBA Judicial Polls Committee, as well as the State Bar of Texas Grievance Committee. Robinson is a Life Fellow of the Houston Bar Foundation and a Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation. He earned his MBA from Southern Methodist University and his law degree from the Dedman School of Law at SMU.

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Established in 1982, the Houston Bar Foundation is the charitable arm of the Houston Bar Association, providing grants for a number of community programs, including the Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program (HVLP) and the Juvenile Justice Mock Trial Program. HVLP provides pro bono legal assistance in civil matters to Harris County residents who could not otherwise afford legal representation. The Mock Trial Program provides young teens with a firsthand look at the legal system through classroom instruction and the presentation of mock trials in real Harris County courtrooms.