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Race Point Legal Friends Honored at 2009 Southern Trial Lawyers Association Warhorse Banquet

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New Orleans, 20 February 2009 — Race Point Legal congratulates its friends Howard L. Nations, J. Lewis Cromer, Judge George Leighton, Mike Papantonio, and William (Billy) Walker, who were honored at the 2009 Southern Trial Lawyers Association Warhorse Banquet.

Mr. Nations, Mr. Cromer, and Judge Leighton were presented with the Warhorse Award, namesake of the evening's celebration, which honors three of the nation's most extraordinary trial lawyers. Warhorse honorees are "acknowledged leaders in their communities, they have been in active practice for more than thirty years, demonstrated outstanding skill as trial advocates, and shown exceptional commitment to furthering the cause of justice." The three esteemed gentlemen were bestowed with a solid bronze rearing stallion sculpture by renowned artist Pierre Pierce.

Mr. Papantonio was the 2009 recipient of the W. McKinley Smiley, Jr. Lighthouse Award, given to the "most outstanding lawyer in the field of academics, legal scholarship and advocacy teaching and training." Because the title Lighthouse Award signifies "the light that shines from the lighthouse [which] provides guidance and direction to those weathering the storm," the winner is also selected due to their status as a mentor in the discipline of trial law.

Mr. Walker received the Tommy Malone Great American Eagle Award, recognizing his commitment to helping others. This award is reserved for one "who inspires others and is a living symbol of Integrity, Strength, Bravery, Justice, Freedom, Pride, Devotion, Excellence, and Friendship and to many a Hero."

Race Point Legal attended the Warhorse Banquet in support of their friends, as well as to film the event. The footage, recorded in high-definition with DISCOVEReASE capture and production technology, will be gifted to all attendees of the 2009 STLA Annual Conference as a way to remember the special evening.

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[ABOUT THE HONOREES]

Howard Nation's career has been acknowledged with listings in Who's Who in the World, Who's Who in America, Who's Who in American Law, and Who's Who in Finance and Industry. He is highly regarded by his peers as a leader in his field, and has practiced law and lectured extensively throughout the United States and the world. As a leader of the trial bar over forty-plus years, he has served on the Executive Committee and as an officer of the American Association for Justice, serving as Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. He is Past-President of the Belli Society, the Texas Trial Lawyers Association, and the Southern Trial Lawyers Association; and is a Trustee of the American Jury Foundation. Mr. Nations sits on numerous advisory boards, and is extensively published.
www.howardnations.com

J. Lewis Cromer is a 1957 graduate of Clemson University and earned his law degree from the University of South Carolina. He is a recipient of the 2007 Platinum Compleat Lawyer Award honoring outstanding alumni at the University of South Carolina with thirty-plus years of practice. Mr. Cromer is also very active in the American Board of Trial Advocates as a member of multiple committees. www.cromermabry.com

Judge George Leighton served an illustrious career as a judge in both federal and Illinois state courts. He is a member of the National Association of Defense Lawyers in Criminal Cases, the Council of the National Harvard Law School Associations, the Howard University Alumni Association, the Legal Redress Committee, NAACP, the Legal Education Committee of the Chicago Bar, and as well as the Chicago, Massachusetts, Illinois State, Cook County, American, National, and Inter-American Bar Associations. In 2008 Judge Leighton was presented with the Jenner & Block Award for his contributions to criminal justice. www.nealandleroy.com

Mike Papantonio is a very well-known figure in the world of trial law. He is a senior partner in one of the largest and most successful plaintiff's law firms in the country, was selected for inclusion in Best Lawyers in America and Leading American Attorney, and founded the annual continuing legal education event Mass Torts Made Perfect. He served for five years on the Board of Directors for the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers and is a member of numerous professional organizations including the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, the International Society of Barristers, the American Board of Trial Advocates, the American Association for Justice, and the Southern Trial Lawyers Association. Mr. Papantonio is also a familiar personality in talk radio, co-hosting a nationally-syndicated weekly show called *Ring of Fire* for Air America Radio with Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. and he is also a published author.
www.levinlaw.com

William (Billy) Walker is one of the most respected trial attorneys in South Carolina, practicing since 1973. He is a member of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America, the South Carolina Trial Lawyers Association, the South Carolina Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, Lexington County Bar Association, South Carolina Bar, American Bar Association, American Judicature Society, South Carolina Workers' Compensation Claimant's Attorneys Association, The Melvin Belli Society, Civil Justice Foundation, and the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. www.walkermorgan.com

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