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JOHN DESMOND, JONES VARGAS, RECEIVES MCKIBBEN MODEL OF PROFESSIONALISM AWARD

RENO, Nev. (Nov. 6, 2009) – Jones Vargas stockholder John Desmond is the 2009 recipient of the Judge Howard D. McKibben Model of Professionalism Award from the Professionalism Summit Committee, a joint committee comprised of the State Bar of Nevada, Clark County Bar, Washoe County Bar and the Nevada Justice Association. Each year, Judge McKibben, the award's namesake, along with the Presidents of the State and Washoe County Bars, make the selection based on the level of professionalism displayed by attorneys practicing in northern Nevada. A separate award is given for those in southern Nevada.

During the Oct. 14 presentation of the award, Washoe County Bar Association President Mark Bruce said, "John has worked tirelessly to improve the legal system throughout his career. His body of work includes long-term efforts with WCBA, Washoe Legal Services, Washoe County Bar Foundation, Access to Justice, Supreme Court Bench Bar Committee, Board of Bar Examiners and other Supreme Court Commissions. John does this work with grace and class. His professionalism reaches far beyond his work on law-related boards, commissions and foundations. He is timely and courteous. He is honest and fair. He attacks projects logically and systematically. His work product is of the highest quality."

Desmond is a member of Jones Vargas and serves on the firm's Board of Directors and Executive Committee. He works in the firm's Litigation Practice Group, focusing his practice on general litigation and appeals. He is admitted to practice law before all state and federal courts of Nevada and California as well as the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Desmond currently serves on several Nevada Supreme Court Commissions as well as the Supreme Court Bench Bar Committee. He is a Past President of the Washoe County Bar Association and is a member of the Board of Bar Examiners for the State Bar of Nevada.

"We commend John for his superior level of skill and professionalism," remarked Jones Vargas Managing Partner Gary Goodheart. "This honor is a much-deserved reward for his years of hard work and dedication to the practice of law."

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Commemorating more than 80 years of experience, Jones Vargas is a leader in Nevada Law. With offices in Las Vegas and Reno, Jones Vargas offers legal services for local, national, and international clients in business, litigation, government relations, gaming, corporate, municipal finance, real estate, bankruptcy, estate and probate, tax, zoning, health care and domestic matters. In certain areas of practice, such as government relations, complex financial transactions and multi-state or multi-district litigation, Jones Vargas is one of the most experienced and most capable firms in Nevada. The law firm offers a full range of services to all clients, from handling everyday matters and preventive counseling to dealing with difficult, complex transactions and litigation.

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