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**HORVITZ & LEVY LLP PARTNER JOHN A. TAYLOR, JR. APPOINTED TO
JUDICIAL COUNCIL APPELLATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF CALIFORNIA**

*-- Chief Justice Ronald M. George appoints appellate specialist as member to
promote and improve administration of justice in California --*



Encino, CA – John A. Taylor, Jr., a partner at California's largest civil appellate law firm, Horvitz & Levy LLP, has been appointed by Chief Justice Ronald George of the California Supreme Court to serve on the Judicial Council Appellate Advisory Committee of California. As one of three private civil attorneys on the committee, Mr. Taylor will make recommendations for improving the administration of justice in appellate proceedings, and review and propose legislation relating to appellate courts, practice and procedure. The appointment is effective November 1.

"I'm honored to be appointed by Chief Justice George to this committee," said Mr. Taylor. "All of our firm's attorneys have tremendous and deep respect for the



integrity of California's court system. Serving on this committee is a means to contribute to formulating the rules and procedures that promote and preserve that integrity." Horvitz & Levy founding partner, Ellis J. Horvitz, and partner David S. Ettinger, previously served on the committee.

Mr. Taylor has been lead appellate counsel in dozens of appeals in a wide variety of areas including a recent right of publicity case -- *Christoff v. Nestle* -- where he secured the reversal of a \$15 million judgment against Nestle for inadvertently using a model's image without permission. He has participated in numerous cases before the California Supreme Court, and his name appears on more than 20 published opinions. He is a California State Bar Certified Appellate Specialist, and is admitted to practice law in California and Utah courts, Ninth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals, and U.S. Supreme Court.

Now celebrating its 50th anniversary, Horvitz & Levy LLP represents a variety of industries including insurance, entertainment, health care, and public entities among others as lead counsel. Horvitz & Levy LLP also provides pro bono appellate services to a number of local and national nonprofit organizations.

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