



NALP Awards Founders of Buildable Hours Community Service Project

WASHINGTON, DC, April 18, 2005 -- The two Washington lawyers who founded Buildable Hours, an organization that promotes the contribution of manpower and money by law firms to build homes for deserving families in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity, are being presented with “Awards of Distinction for Innovation” by the National Association for Law Placement, Inc. (NALP). Roger Goldman, a litigation partner in the Washington, D.C. office of Latham & Watkins LLP, and Scott Michel, partner in the Washington, D.C. office of Caplin & Drysdale LLP, will receive the honor at an April 20th ceremony in Chicago.

Goldman and Michel are long-time friends and former classmates at the University of Virginia Law School who founded Buildable Hours, Inc. in 2001 in Washington, D.C. NALP is recognizing them for their commitment of time, effort and resources. By offering an alternative to traditional summer clerk activities, the project allows law firms to demonstrate their dedication to public service in their local communities.

In 2004, through Buildable Hours projects more than 50 law firms across the country helped build six homes for deserving families and contributed \$500,000 to Habitat for Humanity. This summer, Buildable Hours projects will take place in nine cities across the United States, including: Atlanta, Cleveland, Milwaukee, Los Angeles, New York, San Diego, San Francisco, St. Louis, and Washington, D.C. Eight additional new homes will be built and another renovated by volunteers that includes hundreds of lawyers, law firm staff and summer associates.

“The credit for this award really belongs to the exceptional group of people who have built this organization from a small operation in Washington into a real national institution,” said Roger Goldman. “What has made this effort so rewarding is the knowledge of how many lives we have changed and will continue to change in the future.”

“I am proud of the national team that Buildable Hours has become with the wonderful partnership with Habitat for Humanity,” said Scott Michel. “The hundreds of volunteers make it all worthwhile by giving back to the communities in which we live and work.”

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The NALP Award of Distinction honors individuals and organizations that advance the goals of NALP's mission and service vision in an exemplary manner. NALP is a nonprofit educational association established in 1971 to meet the needs of the participants in the legal employment process — legal employers, law schools, and law students and graduates — for information, coordination, and standards. NALP's membership includes virtually every ABA-accredited law school and more than 900 of the nation's largest legal employers.

Latham & Watkins LLP is a global law firm with more than 1,600 lawyers located in 22 offices around the world. (www.lw.com)

With offices in Washington, DC and New York, Caplin & Drysdale's boutique practice is largely focused on tax law and litigation. (www.caplindrysdale.com)

Habitat for Humanity International, based in Americus, Georgia, is an organization dedicated to providing needy families with affordable housing. By the end of 2005, Habitat will have built its 200,000th house and more than one million people will be living in Habitat homes they helped build and are buying through no-profit, zero-interest mortgages. (www.habitat.org)

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Notes to editors:

Further background on Buildable Hours can be found at www.buildablehours.com.

Buildable Hours has had projects in the following cities since 2001: Washington, New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Atlanta, Omaha, Milwaukee, Cleveland, St. Louis and San Diego. The activities of Buildable Hours are made possible in part by the generous support of our National Sponsor, Lexis Nexis.

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