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Press Release

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***TWENTY-ONE LEADING LOS ANGELES LAW FIRMS JOIN HABITAT FOR HUMANITY-
LOS ANGELES TO DONATE "BUILDABLE HOURS" TO A LOCAL FAMILY***

Legal Community Will Donate Funds and Labor to Build a Home for Family in Need

Los Angeles, May 30, 2003 – Twenty-one Los Angeles law firms, in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity-Los Angeles, have joined forces to build an affordable home in South Los Angeles for a deserving, low income family. Entirely funded by participating law firms, the program will bring together lawyers, summer associates and staff to donate their time over the course of the summer to build the new residence. Habitat for Humanity-Los Angeles representatives, Buildable Hours members, and the recipient family, will commemorate the first annual Los Angeles Buildable Hours program in a groundbreaking ceremony to occur at the build site on May 31.

Jaime Guzman, his wife Maricela and his two children, 13-year-old Abraham and 11-year-old Andrea, will work side by side with the Buildable Hours crew and community volunteers to complete their new home, which is scheduled for completion by August 2. The home will be a two-story, 1,324 square-foot, three-bedroom, two-bath residence with a one-car garage.

The project is affiliated with Buildable Hours, Inc., a Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit group started last year that coordinates contributions and volunteer labor from law firms to help build houses for underprivileged families through Habitat for Humanity. Similar efforts are taking place this year in Washington, D.C. and New York.

"The response from the Los Angeles legal community has been tremendous," said Manny Abascal, a partner with the Los Angeles office of Latham & Watkins who is helping coordinate the Los Angeles "Buildable Hours" project. "Every law firm involved jumped at the opportunity and enthusiastically supports the project. This project is a great way for the law firms to work together and, with the help of their summer associates, contribute to the Los Angeles community."

"We are impressed with the enthusiasm and support of the Los Angeles legal community," said Elenore A. Williams of Habitat for Humanity-Los Angeles. "This project demonstrates how an industry can come together and work with nonprofit organizations to make a direct impact on our community, helping another family achieve the dream of home ownership."

The 21 contributing law firms are:

- Allen Matkins Leck Gamble & Mallory LLP
- Alschuler Grossman Stein & Kahan LLP
- Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP
- Baker & Hostetler LLP
- Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP



- Greenberg Glusker Fields Claman Machtinger & Kinsella LLP
- Heller Ehrman White & McAuliffe LLP
- Jones Day
- Kirkland & Ellis
- Latham & Watkins LLP
- Loeb & Loeb LLP
- Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw LLP
- McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP
- Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP
- Mitchell, Silberberg & Knupp LLP
- Morrison & Foerster LLP
- Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP
- O'Melveny & Myers LLP
- Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP
- Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP
- Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP

About Buildable Hours, Inc.

Buildable Hours, Inc. is a Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit organization of law firms committing financial and physical resources to build homes with local Habitat for Humanity organizations for deserving families. Buildable Hours, Inc. was founded last year by Roger Goldman, a partner in the Washington, D.C. office of Latham & Watkins and Scott Michel, a partner in the Washington, D.C. firm of Caplin & Drysdale.

About Habitat for Humanity-Los Angeles

Habitat for Humanity-Los Angeles was established in 1991. To date, the affiliate has built nearly 100 homes for deserving families. Many of the homes were built in South Los Angeles, Watts and other local communities. Habitat homes in these areas have not only provided simple, decent shelter for very low-income families but also have helped to improve communities. Through volunteer labor and donations of money and materials, Habitat builds and rehabilitates simple, decent houses with the help of the homeowner and many enthusiastic volunteers. The vision of Habitat for Humanity is to “eradicate poverty housing.” With a philosophy that every person deserves decent shelter and that homes built help improve lives, the lifestyle transformation for many Habitat families has been remarkable. Results include improved grades for children and teenagers, better jobs for the parents, and some parents deciding to go to college to improve career opportunities.

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Note to Editor:

The groundbreaking ceremony on May 31 will be held at 1623 E. Century Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90002 at 10:00 a.m. To attend the event, or to schedule an interview, please contact: Karen Van Kummer, Habitat for Humanity, 213-975-9757 or Pearl Piatt, Latham & Watkins, 213-891-8475.

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