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In connection with his expertise on U.S. laws relating to Cuba, Mr. Muse has spoken at conferences in Ottawa; Madrid; Barcelona; Miami; New York; San Francisco; the Hague; Brussels and Washington, D.C. Among the sponsors of these conferences were the Brookings Institute (D.C.); the Institute for European-Latin American Relations (Madrid); and the Canadian Foundation for the Americas (Ottawa). He has, in addition, testified on international law issues before the Foreign Relations Committee of the United States Senate; the Foreign Affairs and International Trade Standing Committee of the Canadian House of Commons; the Trade Subcommittee of the Ways and Means Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives and the External Economic Relations Committee of the European Parliament (Brussels) as well as the Parliament’s inter-party group on Cuba (Strasbourg).

Mr. Muse has commented on international legal issues on the following television and radio broadcasts: CNN, BBC, CBC, NPR, PBS, and NBC and he has been quoted on various legal topics in, among other publications, the New York Times, the Washington Post, the Los Angeles Times, Time Magazine, the Financial Times, USA Today, the Miami Herald, the National Law Journal and a variety of Canadian, Mexican, and European publications including Toronto’s Globe and Mail, Spain’s El Pais, and Mexico’s Epoca.

Mr. Muse is a member of the International Law Section of the American Bar Association and the American Society of International Law. He serves on the External Advisory Board of Tulane University’s Cuban Studies Institute. Recent publications include The Nationality of Claims Principle of Public International Law and the Helms-Burton Act, (University of California, Hastings International and Comparative Law Review, 1997); A Public International Law Critique of the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction of the Helms-Burton Act, (George Washington University, Journal of International Law and Economics, 1998); La Fragilidad Ante El Derecho Internacional de La Legislacion de Las EE.UU. Sobre Cuba, Una Nueva Politica Hacia Cuba, (Fundacion Dialogos,

Madrid, 1997). Forthcoming publications include an extensive treatment of the recent EU/U.S. global agreement on private sector investment in expropriated properties and a chapter in a book on U.S.-Cuba relations to be published in October, 1998 by the Olaf Palme Institute, Stockholm.

Mr. Muse began practice in Washington, D.C. in 1984. Before establishing a firm specializing in international law in 1991, Mr. Muse was associated with the law firms of Barnett & Alagia and Patterson, Belknap, Webb & Tyler where among other things he litigated securities cases and served as lead counsel in several treaty extraditions involving the U.K. and the U.S. A native of Southern Arizona, Mr. Muse is a graduate of Georgetown University's Law School (LL.M. in international law). Before beginning legal studies and practice in Washington, D.C., he qualified as a barrister (Middle Temple) in England."

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The partnership includes a former United States Attorney and a former United States Deputy Attorney General, who were also both Chief Counsels for United States Senate committees, and former Assistant United States Attorneys. Both partners are accomplished trial lawyers. Specific areas of expertise include:

General Criminal Defense. We represent United States, as well as, foreign corporations and individuals in such criminal matters as: civil and criminal RICO matters; defense procurement; environment crimes; financial services; health care fraud; mail and wire fraud; money laundering; public corruption and ethics; securities fraud; and perjury, false statements.

The firm also represents clients charged with crimes in foreign countries and coordinates their defense with overseas counsel. It assists in the selection of such counsel. It defends against extradition to foreign countries and to the United States. This transnational representation is of great assistance to family members or corporate employers whose relatives or employees may become enmeshed in an unknown legal system outside the United States.

Internal Investigations, Compliance Programs and Audits. We conduct corporate investigation and legal audits enabling a client to decide how to proceed, including cooperation with authorities, defense strategy, and creation or improvement of existing internal compliance programs. In particular, we counsel on compliance with the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and its pre-clearance Department of Justice Opinion process, advise financial institutions and other businesses on compliance with the United States Department of the Treasury money laundering guidelines, and obtain Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) licenses for transactions in countries requiring them. Our work with OFAC covers many years of intimate dealings with that agency on food,

technology, and other matters. We enjoy a good working relationship with this key trade and licensing agency; and understand the political and policy currents that affect its operations.

Congressional/Regulatory Agencies. We regularly represent many large companies in criminal matters which involve them in congressional investigations and/or hearings before government regulatory agencies. For example, we have worked with the Treasury Department on cases involving money laundering and cash reporting violations, have representing major corporations before before the U.S. Sentencing Commission on the issue of organizational sentencing guidelines.

Legislative Advocacy. We regularly represent corporations, trade associations and individuals before both houses of the United States Congress. We assist in drafting legislation, working with Congressional offices and Committee staffs to solve problems through legislation, oversight hearings or Congressional inquiries of various federal agencies. While we are known as Republicans, we have a history of bi-partisan work with and support for people on Capitol Hill.”