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**PAUL PRYZANT JOINS HOUSTON-BASED
ENERGY LAW FIRM BURLESON COOKE**

HOUSTON – Paul Pryzant has joined the energy law firm of Burleson Cooke as a partner, and will concentrate his practice in the areas of corporate and securities law, mergers and acquisitions, and corporate governance.

Pryzant has 25 years of experience as a corporate and securities attorney working with both public and private clients ranging from startups to large public companies. During his career, he also served as a partner at three law firms and was most recently senior counsel at Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell LLP. His experience includes serving as the general counsel of a NYSE-listed truck parts distribution company that grew aggressively through acquisitions, as well as the general counsel of a leading Internet chemical exchange. He has also served as the outside general counsel to several public companies, most recently to Pioneer Companies, a chlor-alkali products manufacturer.

“Paul’s securities and corporate finance experience will further enhance our ability to provide extraordinary service to our clients,” said managing partner Rick Burleson.

Pryzant’s background includes a broad range of mergers, acquisitions, and complex transactions, as well as 1933 Act and 1934 Act securities filings. He has also assisted companies raise capital through private placements and public offerings, has represented both start-up companies and private equity investors, and has helped take private companies public.

Pryzant has written articles that have appeared in *Directors Monthly* (a publication of the National Association for Corporate Directors), *Corporate Counsel Review*, and the *Houston Business Journal*. He has also presented seminars and lectures for the Houston Technology Center, the Rice Alliance for Technology and Entrepreneurship, Rice University undergraduate and executive education courses, and The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center.

He earned his undergraduate degree at the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania and his law degree at the University of Texas School of Law.

Pryzant is general counsel for the Houston Angel Network; a member of the board of directors and general counsel for the Wharton Club of Houston; and an advisory board member of the Southwest Regional Board of the Anti-Defamation League.

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