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Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson Names New Partners Christopher D. Billings, Joseph R. Hugg and Wesley M. Plaisance

Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, L.L.P. (BSW) congratulates **Christpher D. Billings**, **Joseph R. Hugg** and **Wesley M. Plaisance** for being named Partners, effective January 1, 2014.

Christopher D. Billings is a Partner in the Baton Rouge office practicing in the area of Casualty Litigation. Mr. Billings enjoys a broad litigation practice which includes personal injury defense (both automobile accident and premises liability claims), redhibition and product liability defense, general insurance defense, medical malpractice defense, insurance coverage disputes, and class action litigation. Mr. Billings also has experience representing law enforcement agencies against excessive force and illegal search/seizure claims. Outside of the office and the courtroom, Mr. Billings is heavily involved in the area Boys & Girls Club. He serves on the club's Board of Trustees, he is involved in fundraising efforts for the club, and he volunteers as a mentor for several club members.

Joseph R. Hugg is a Partner in the New Orleans office, practicing in the Labor and Employment section. Mr. Hugg's practice focuses primarily on managing the defense of employment discrimination and wage-and-hour lawsuits and administrative charges on behalf of local and national corporations, as well as advising management on employee relations and traditional labor law issues. He regularly speaks regarding emerging labor and employment law issues at seminars and has co-authored articles for multiple national publications. Mr. Hugg also serves on the Board of Trustees for the Algiers Charter Schools Association (ACSA), a charter management organization responsible for six New Orleans charter schools currently educating more than 4,000 local students, as well as the Board of Directors of Beacon of Hope Resource Center, a non-profit organization devoted to fostering neighborhood redevelopment in New Orleans and other areas affected by natural disasters.

Wesley M. Plaisance is a Partner in the New Orleans office and practices in the commercial litigation section. Mr. Plaisance has represented clients in a wide variety of business related disputes including contract and lease litigation, unfair competition and trade practices, tax sale litigation, construction disputes, real estate related litigation, partition proceedings, and bankruptcy proceedings. Mr. Plaisance also has extensive experience in gaming law representing clients in regulatory, permitting and licensing matters before and in consultation with the Louisiana Gaming Control Board, the Louisiana Attorney General's Office, the Louisiana State Police and the Office of Charitable Gaming. Additionally, Mr. Plaisance has also represented clients in business transactions including but not limited to preparation of operating agreements in connection with formation of companies and preparation of contracts such as agreements for the purchase and sale of assets, leases, joint venture agreements, device placement agreements,

revenue sharing agreements, employment agreements and non-solicitation and non-competition agreements.

BSW was founded in Baton Rouge in 1928. Today, BSW is a multi-specialty law firm with more than 70 attorneys serving the legal and business needs of people and companies throughout Louisiana. The firm has offices in Baton Rouge, New Orleans, and Covington. For more information, please contact Margaret A. Martin, 225-376-3640.

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