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For Immediate Release

New Officers Take Charge at the Transportation Lawyers Association

The Transportation Lawyers Association (TLA), an independent international organization of attorneys, serving the transportation industry since 1937, elected new officers on May 8 at its annual meeting at the Marriott Harbor Beach Resort & Spa in Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Assuming the presidency the day after is Eric Larson Zalud of Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Aronoff in Cleveland, Ohio. Other new officers are President-Elect Gordon D. McAuley of The Pasha Group in Corte Madera, California; First Vice President Sam Hallman of Strasburger & Price, LLP in Dallas, Texas; Second Vice President Patrick K. McMonigle of Dysart, Taylor, Lay, Cotter & McMonigle, PC in Kansas City, Missouri; Secretary/Treasurer M. Gordon Hearn of Fernandes Hearn LLP in Toronto, Ontario, Canada; and Immediate Past President Donald J. Vogel of Scopelitis, Garvin, Light, Hanson & Feary in Chicago, Illinois.

Eric Zalud is a partner with and Chair of Benesch Friedlander's Litigation Practice Group and heads the Transportation and Logistics Practice Group. He has litigated or arbitrated matters in 23 states, before state and federal trial and appellate courts in various jurisdictions, and before the Surface Transportation Board, the U.S. Court of Veterans' Appeals, and the United States Olympic Committee. Mr. Zalud serves on the TLA's committees on freight claims, motor carrier transportation, litigation and logistics and e-commerce. He received the TLA's Distinguished Service Award for 2001, and served as Editor of *The Transportation Lawyer*, the magazine published by the Association, in 2005-2006.

Mr. Zalud received his A.B. *cum laude* from Miami University and earned his J.D. in 1985 from Vanderbilt University, where he was associate editor of the Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law. He also attended courses on Public International Law at the International Court of Justice in Den Haag, The Netherlands. Mr. Zalud speaks Spanish and Portuguese. He is also licensed to practice in Indiana.

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Mr. Zalud assumes the Presidency of the Association at a time when membership of the organization has recently exceeded 1,000 members. Mr. Zalud will continue in the footsteps of his predecessors in developing and maintaining sound, educational programs benefiting the Association's diverse membership, as well as assuring inclusion in all programs for all members, young and old. The TLA will continue its educational mission with the Transportation Law Institute to be held in New Orleans, Louisiana on November 14, 2008, a Regional Seminar in Chicago on January 9, 2009, and the Association's Annual Conference, organized by Mr. Zalud, at the LaCosta Resort & Spa in Carlsbad, California on April 28-May 2, 2009.

TLA attorneys located in the United States, Canada, Mexico, and Europe represent both providers and users of transportation and logistics services from all modes of the transportation industry, including air, rail, truck and maritime companies. Further information about TLA can be obtained by visiting its web site at www.translaw.org or by contacting:

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