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**LEVENE NEALE BENDER RANKIN & BRILL TO MERGE WITH ROBINSON DIAMANT & WOLKOWITZ IN JOINING OF BANKRUPTCY LAW FIRMS**

(LOS ANGELES) — Levene, Neale, Bender, Rankin & Brill L.L.P. (LNBRB), a prominent Los Angeles bankruptcy, insolvency, business reorganization and commercial litigation law firm, has announced it will merge with Robinson, Diamant & Wolkowitz (RDW), a Century City bankruptcy boutique founded in 1962.

The resulting firm will continue to be known as Levene, Neale, Bender, Rankin & Brill ([www.lnbrb.com](http://www.lnbrb.com)) and be led by its current co-managing partners David L. Neale and Ron Bender. The combining of the firms is effective January 1, 2010.

“The addition of attorneys from RDW expands our practice to include trustee matters in both Chapter 7 and 11 bankruptcies, and also brings us seasoned and experienced litigators who will complement our existing staff,” said Neale.

“RDW’s lawyers have earned a reputation for being knowledgeable and versatile, and are extremely capable of representing creditors, debtors, equity committees, investors, asset acquirers, assignees, trustees and receivers in state and federal court matters,” Neale said.

LNBRB, which was founded in 1995 and has forged a strong reputation for expeditiously and creatively resolving complex bankruptcy-related issues for a diversity of clients, will add six RDW lawyers to its roster as partners. They are Edward Wolkowitz, Lawrence Diamant, Philip Gasteier, Irving Gross, Timothy Yoo and Todd Frealy.

RDW has represented debtors, creditors, trustees and others in commercial bankruptcy, creditors’ rights disputes and commercial litigation proceedings since its founding 47 years ago. Its clients have included Safeway, Hal Roach Studios, Boston Stores, Chicago Title Co., Numero Uno Pizza, Qintex Entertainment, Guardian Real Estate Fund and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

“We’re delighted we are able to grow our firm through the addition of such outstanding attorneys with such impeccable credentials,” said Ron Bender.

Neale said that in addition to its Century City offices, it will open a new downtown Los Angeles office early next year when the RDW attorneys join LNBRB.

LNBRB has been consistently ranked among the busiest bankruptcy firms in the U.S. according to an ongoing series of surveys compiled by The Deal, a leading financial publication, which places it among the 40 most active firms in terms of caseload. It is also recognized nationally for its speed and acumen in resolving complex issues for companies facing severe financial challenges.

LNBRB was founded in 1995 by David W. Levene, David L. Neale and Ron Bender, who were joined in 2000 by Martin J. Brill.