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## **THACHER PROFFITT AND VOICES OF SEPTEMBER 11<sup>th</sup> ANNOUNCE THEIR COLLABORATION ON THE 9/11 LIVING MEMORIAL**

*Permanent, web-based digital archive allows corporations and individuals affected by 9/11 to share their stories of remembrance, recovery and rebuilding*

New York, N.Y., September 10, 2007 — Thacher Proffitt & Wood LLP, a 158-year-old law firm that formerly occupied three floors in 2 World Trade Center, and VOICES of September 11<sup>th</sup> announced today their collaboration on the “WTC Corporations” section of the 9/11 Living Memorial, a permanent, web-based digital archive.

Thacher Proffitt (the Firm) is the first company to contribute its story to the “WTC Corporations” section of the 9/11 Living Memorial, which is divided into five primary topics:

1. Recovery — Includes “day one” communications and tracking the whereabouts of staff;
2. Rebuild — Includes outreach to key constituents and notes from the Firm’s “disaster and recovery” speaking engagements;
3. Remembrance — Includes messages from friends and family, as well as personal stories;
4. Press coverage — Includes an itemization of media coverage about Thacher Proffitt following 9/11; and
5. Coming home — Includes informational and related materials surrounding Thacher Proffitt’s return to lower Manhattan.

The Firm intends to add information to its story as additional materials become available.

In addition, the Firm’s Technology and Intellectual Property Group, led by partner, Leonard T. Nuara, is providing *pro bono* legal services to VOICES of September 11<sup>th</sup>.

Former Chairman (1991 to 2003) and partner Omer “Jack” Williams who is coordinating the Firm’s participation in the project, said, “Thacher Proffitt was fortunate in that our attorneys and staff were all accounted for following the tragedy on September 11<sup>th</sup>, although many of us lost colleagues and friends in the event. Our attorneys and staff performed incredibly in our rebuilding effort. Our participation in the 9/11 Living Memorial and our collaboration with Frank and Mary Fetchet and the staff of VOICES of September 11<sup>th</sup> is an attempt to illuminate how we endured this time in our history through recovery, rebuilding and remembrance, and to commemorate these efforts.” He added, “I would encourage each company impacted by 9/11 also to consider sharing its unique story.”

Current Chairman and partner, Paul D. Tvetenstrand added, “From the earliest days of our post 9/11 recovery to the momentous occasion of our return downtown our story will hopefully provide insight and inspiration for years to come.”

Mary Fetchet, a founding director of VOICES of September 11<sup>th</sup> and its 9/11 Living Memorial, stated, “VOICES welcomes Thacher Proffitt’s participation and corporate leadership in developing content for the 9/11 Living Memorial digital archive. Documenting the first-hand experiences of corporations impacted by 9/11 is crucial if we are to have a comprehensive Living Memorial that preserves the lives and stories of September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001 for future generations.”

### **About the 9/11 Living Memorial Project**

The 9/11 Living Memorial, [www.911livingmemorial.org](http://www.911livingmemorial.org), is a permanent, web-based digital archive commemorating the lives and stories of September 11, 2001 and the February 26, 1993 WTC bombing. The site will eventually be incorporated into the planned National September 11 Memorial & Museum at the World Trade Center as a core component of the Museum’s digital resource center and will be available to the Library of Congress, the National Archive, and thousands of memorial sites and charitable foundations built worldwide.

The 9/11 Living Memorial strives to provide a comprehensive living history by drawing together personal experiences and reflections as well as collective experiences from those affected by the attacks in New York City, Shanksville, PA and Washington, DC. The “Family Tributes” section, created by family, friends and colleagues, will host tributes to the nearly 3,000 victims including biographical profiles, photographs, eulogies, the New York Times Portraits of Grief, streaming video and audio accounts. The site will document the response of the hundreds of corporations that were impacted, with stories of those who survived and how they memorialized their colleagues. Remembrances of the victims and survivors of the 1993 WTC bombing and the rescue workers who have succumbed to 9/11-related illnesses will also be included.

Over the next three years VOICES will reach out to the thousands of 9/11 family members, survivors, first responders, companies/organizations and others in the United States and abroad to build this comprehensive, digital archive. A multimedia outreach campaign – including mailings, internet marketing, and nationwide and international workshops will be conducted, as well as the annual September 10<sup>th</sup> Commemorative workshop held in New York City. Professional staff are assisting families, rescue workers and survivors to organize commemorative keepsakes, photographs and write personal tributes. State-of-the-art technology will be used to effectively digitize, archive multidimensional content.

### **About Thacher Proffitt & Wood LLP**

A 158-year-old law firm that focuses on the capital markets and financial services industries, Thacher Proffitt advises domestic and global clients in a wide range of areas, including corporate and financial institutions law, securities, structured finance, international trade matters, investment funds, swaps and derivatives, cross-border transactions, real estate, commercial lending, insurance, admiralty and ship finance, litigation and dispute resolution, technology and intellectual property, executive compensation and employee benefits, taxation, trusts and estates, bankruptcy, reorganizations and restructurings. The Firm has over 300 lawyers with five offices located in New York City, NY, Washington, DC, White Plains, NY, Summit, NJ and Mexico City, Mexico. The Firm was named “Best Legal Advisor for North America” by *Global Finance* magazine, and was ranked #1 for “Top 10 Growth Leaders” by *The National Law Journal*. It was named top issuers’ counsel and #1 for securitizations (Thomson Financial, year-end 2005 rankings), and #1 in asset-backed securities for both issuer’s and underwriter’s counsel by *The New York Law Journal*. Thacher Proffitt is on the Web at [www.tpw.com](http://www.tpw.com).

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