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Legal Research Center Contributes Chapter to New Guide for Successful Partnering Between Inside and Outside Counsel

Minneapolis – December 12, 2000 – James R. Seidl, president of Minneapolis-based Legal Research Center (OTC: LRCI), the nation's leading provider of outsourced legal research and writing services, has co-authored a landmark new guide that compiles the wisdom of 80 *Fortune 500* general counsel and their law firm partners.

The new guide, *Successful Partnering Between Inside and Outside Counsel*, is a joint project of West Group and the American Corporate Counsel Association (ACCA). It was edited by Robert L. Haig, a partner in the law firm of Kelley Drye & Warren. The guide consists of four looseleaf volumes and four computer disks, and is approximately 6,000 pages in total length.

"I was delighted to co-author the chapter that focuses on legal research management and offer some practical guidance for general counsel who wish to take advantage of strategic partnering as a best-practice for improving the quality of legal services while better managing costs," said Seidl. He was joined in writing the "Legal Research Management" chapter of the guide by Michael S. Harris, general counsel of The Thomson Company, Vance K. Opperman, chief executive officer of Key Investment, and Richard H. Weise, former general counsel of Motorola.

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According to Seidl, the unique compilation provides 80 chapters of experienced wisdom, tools, successful strategies and practice-proven tactics that break into three sections: 44 chapters on all aspects of the relationship between inside and outside counsel; 30 chapters on substantive law, transactions and litigation procedures; and six detailed case studies. Specific topics include the selection of outside counsel, planning and budgeting, fee arrangements and billing, legal research and law department management.

Successful Partnering Between Inside and Outside Counsel costs \$350 (\$245 for ACCA members) and can be examined for a risk-free 45-day trial. For more information, call (800) 776-9377 or send an email inquiry to jseidl@lrci.com.

Legal Research Center (<http://www.lrci.com>), based in Minneapolis, offers legal research and writing services to attorneys in corporate and private practice throughout the world. Founded in 1978, LRC's work products include compliance-related multijurisdictional surveys, office memoranda, and formal court-ready documents such as trial and appellate briefs. LRC's knowledge management services include work product database design and facilitation, website content creation, and online compliance training. LRC's nationally recognized Research Attorneys are honors graduates who have practiced law for at least two years, and many for over 25, in major law firms and corporate law departments throughout the U.S.

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