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FORMER WHITE HOUSE SPECIAL COUNSEL LANNY DAVIS JOINS DILWORTH PAXSON

WASHINGTON D.C., March 5, 2012 — Dilworth Paxson LLP today announced that Lanny J. Davis has joined the firm as Special Counsel in the WashingtonD.C. office, bringing to the firm his unique "legal crisis management" practice, combining law, media, and politics.

As well as being a lawyer, Davis is a well-known crisis manager, consultant, author, and widely recognized television commentator. He counsels individuals, corporations, and others under intense public scrutiny on developing legal, media and governmental strategies designed to produce the best results for his clients. He is also a successful entrepreneur starting his own law firm "Lanny J. Davis & Associates", as well as the strategic communications firm "Purple Nation Solutions", both of which will work closely with Dilworth Paxson.

"Lanny is simply a first-rate lawyer and counselor. We are delighted that as Special Counsel to our firm, Lanny will be available to assist us and our clients." said Stephen J. Harmelin, Co-Chairman of Dilworth Paxson LLP.

"I have long known Lanny as a proven, effective problem-solver at the very highest levels of national and international law and government affairs," said James Kevin Wholey, Co-Chair of Dilworth Paxson's Government Affairs Group in Washington. "We are excited about the added dimension he brings to our practice, and the broader range of solutions he enables us to provide."

Davis served as special counsel to President Bill Clinton and was a spokesperson for the president and the White House on matters concerning campaign finance investigations and other legal issues. In 2005 President George W. Bush appointed Davis to serve on the five-member Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board, created by the U.S. Congress as part of the 2005 Intelligence Reform Act. (In that capacity, he received the highest level security clearances so that he could be fully briefed and "read in" to various classified anti-terrorist surveillance and financial tracking programs). Before his tenure as special counsel to President Clinton, Davis was a commercial, antitrust, government contracts, and False Claims Act litigator.

"I am pleased to bring my experience in strategic crisis management acting as an attorney, with attorney-client privilege, to Dilworth," said Davis. "I hope to assist Dilworth, using my experience on combining law, media, and politics, to solve client problems." Davis has participated in national, state and local politics for almost 30 years. He served three terms (1980 to 1992) on the Democratic National Committee representing the state of Maryland.

Davis graduated from Yale Law School, where he won the prestigious Thurman Arnold Moot Court prize and served on the Yale Law Journal; and is also a graduate of Yale University, where he served as chairman of the Yale Daily News. Davis is admitted to practice in the District of Columbia and Connecticut, before the Supreme Court of the United States, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Philadelphia-based Dilworth Paxson LLP, established in 1933, conducts a broad and diverse regional, national, and international law practice through six offices, representing a wide variety of clients ranging from Fortune 500 companies to closely-held businesses, governmental entities, individuals, and other institutions. To learn more, visit <u>www.dilworthlaw.com</u>.

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