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Waller Lansden Attorney Receives Distinguished Publishing Award

Nashville, Tennessee – Andy Norwood, member of the law firm Waller Lansden Dortch & Davis, is the 2004 recipient of the Robin Mays Award, the Publishers Association of the South's (PAS) highest honor.

The PAS was founded in 1985 to further the profession of book publishing in the South. The Robin Mays award is given annually to individuals who have demonstrated exceptional dedication to book publishing in this region of the country. The award is designed to foster and reward the same characteristics that its namesake, Robin Mays, exhibited during her life and career.

Serving as general counsel to the Publishers Association of the South since 1989, Norwood received the Robin Mays award for his 15-year long commitment to the publishing community. He has advised individual publishing houses as well as the association, and is also a regular presenter at the association's meetings and conferences.

"It is an honor to receive this award from such an incredible organization," said Norwood. "Robin Mays was an extraordinary individual who gave above and beyond to book publishing. I firmly believe in the Publishers Association of the South's purpose and look forward to continuing our work in the future."

Norwood has extensive experience in the practice of law as it pertains to intellectual property, including copyright, trademark, First Amendment issues and trade secrets. He received his B.A. degree, cum laude, from the University of Alabama in 1984. In 1987, he received his J.D. degree from the University of Alabama School of Law. Norwood was the recipient of the M. Leigh Harrison

Award for legal writing in 1987, and he served as co-editor-in-chief of *The Journal of the Legal Profession*. He is a member of the American Bar Association, and is the past chair of the Nashville Bar Association's Intellectual Property Law Committee.

About the Publishers Association of the South

The Publishers Association of the South was officially organized in 1985 to advance book publishing in the region. Its purpose encompasses education to heighten the professionalism of its members, and communication with booksellers, libraries, and the media and also to expand awareness of the diverse variety of books they publish.