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### Larry D. Thompson

Larry D. Thompson is a Senior Fellow with the Brookings Institution in Washington, D.C. In January 2004, he will be a Visiting Professor of Law at the University of Georgia Law School. Mr. Thompson was confirmed by the U.S. Senate as Deputy Attorney General on May 10, 2001. In addition to Mr. Thompson's duties in supervising the overall operations of the Department of Justice, on July 9, 2002, President Bush appointed him to lead the President's Corporate Fraud Task Force, an interagency group that coordinates the efforts of federal agencies to combat significant financial crimes. In March 2002, Attorney General John Ashcroft named Mr. Thompson to lead the National Security Coordination Council which works to ensure seamless coordination of all functions of the Department relating to national security, particularly its efforts to combat terrorism.

Previously, Mr. Thompson was a partner in the Atlanta, Georgia law firm of King & Spalding. He joined King & Spalding in 1977 and practiced in the Antitrust and Litigation Departments until 1982. From 1982-1986, Mr. Thompson served as the U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia. As U.S. Attorney, he directed the Southeastern Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force and served on the Attorney General's Economic Crime Council. After Returning to King & Spalding in 1986 as a partner, he resumed his practice in civil and criminal litigation.

Mr. Thompson is an experienced litigator who has tried and argued numerous civil fraud and criminal matters. In private practice, he represented corporations and individuals throughout the United States. In July 1995, Mr. Thompson was appointed Independent Counsel for the Department of Housing and Urban Development Investigation by the Special Panel of U.S. Circuit Court Judges appointed by the U.S. Supreme Court. In April 2000, Mr. Thompson was selected to chair the Judicial Review Commission on Foreign Asset Control. The five member bipartisan Commission was established by Congress to conduct a complete review of judicial, regulatory and administrative authorities relating to the imposition of economic sanctions under the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act and the International Emergency Economic Powers Act.

He is an elected Fellow of the American Board of Criminal Lawyers. He is also the recipient of the Edmund Jennings Randolph Award for outstanding contributions to the accomplishment of the Department of Justice's mission, Outstanding Litigator Award by the Federal Bar Association, and the A. T. Walden Award for outstanding accomplishments to the legal profession by the Gate City Bar Association, Atlanta, Georgia.

Mr. Thompson graduated cum laude in 1967 with a bachelor's degree in sociology from Culver-Stockton College where he served as a member of the Board of Trustees. He received his master's degree in sociology in 1969 from Michigan State University and his law degree in 1974 from the University of Michigan.

He is a frequent speaker at legal seminars around the country. Several of his articles have been published in The Wall Street Journal, The Atlanta Journal-Constitution and in legal publications including, The Federal Lawyer, Criminal Justice, and The Georgia State Bar Journal.