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Encore Legal Solutions Names Greg Mazares CEO

Ken Thorn, founder of Hobart West, named Chairman of Board

October 24, 2006 (The Woodlands, TX) - Encore Legal Solutions, a leading national provider of litigation support solutions, today announced that Greg Mazares has been named President and Chief Executive Officer. Mazares replaces Lynn Graham, who resigned from Encore to pursue new opportunities.

Mazares recently served as President and Chief Operating Officer of The Hobart West Group, where he was responsible for general management of the national court reporting and litigation support services units operated under the Esquire brand. He brings over 18 years of legal services industry experience, in such areas as trial consulting, demonstrative evidence, courtroom presentation technology, electronic discovery, document management, legal research, deposition services, and legal staffing. Mazares also spent nine years in marketing and general management positions at Nestle USA and First Interstate Bancorp. He holds an undergraduate degree in Economics from Harvard University and an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School.

Troy Noard, a Managing Director at Frontenac Company, the Chicago-based private equity firm that is the majority shareholder of Encore, said Mazares was selected based on his proven ability to build and manage litigation support services companies as well as his skill in retaining and attracting talent. "Greg has been charged with managing Encore's profitable expansion," said Noard, who serves on the Board of Directors. "His management expertise in the global legal market, and his ability to recruit and retain great people, make him a perfect fit for the next phase of Encore's development."

"We will focus on continuing to build Encore's position as a national leader in legal information management services, featuring electronic data discovery and web-based archiving systems," Mazares explained. "Over time, and through our talented professional staff, our goal is to become the legal profession's 'provider of choice' for an array of legal support services. Our expansion into new markets will emphasize products and services we can provide, with consistent quality, to the nation's leading law firms and corporate law departments."

Thorn Named Chairman

Separately, Encore announced that Ken Thorn has joined the Encore Legal Solutions Board of Directors as its Chairman. Thorn has over three decades of experience in general and financial management. He was previously the founder, Chairman and CEO of The Hobart West Group, which he built into a \$160 million legal services and staffing company. In addition, he has over 20 years of experience in consumer and commercial banking, having served in senior management capacities with First Fidelity Bancorporation, United Savings Association of Texas and the Southwest, and Chemical Banking Corporation. Thorn holds a Master's degree in Law and Diplomacy from Tufts University and earned a B.A. in Economics and Political Science from Dickinson College.

About Encore Legal Solutions

Encore Legal Solutions provides litigation support solutions in seven of the top twenty U.S. legal markets. It offers reprographics, coding, imaging, electronic data discovery and web-based repository services to clients including major law firms and corporate legal departments. For more information, please visit

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