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Professor John C. Coffee, Jr. is the Adolf A. Berle Professor of Law at Columbia University Law School and Director of its Center on Corporate Governance. He is a Fellow at the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and has been repeatedly listed by the National Law Journal as among its “100 Most Influential Lawyers in America.”

Professor Coffee has been a member of the Legal Advisory Board to the New York Stock Exchange, the Legal Advisory Board of the NASD, the Market Regulation Committee of the NASD, and the Economic Advisory Board to Nasdaq. He served as a Reporter to the American Law Institute for its PRINCIPLES OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE: Analysis and Recommendations, was a member of the SEC’s Advisory Committee on the Capital Formation and Regulatory Processes, and served as chairperson of the Section on Business Associations of the Association of American Law Schools. In 2005, Canada also appointed Professor Coffee to a twelve member “Task Force on Modernizing Securities Regulation” which is expected to recommend changes in Canadian law by late 2006 (he was the only non-Canadian appointed).

This year, Professor Coffee delivered the Clarendon Lectures at Oxford, and Oxford University Press has just published his book, GATEKEEPERS: The Professions and Corporate Governance (2006). Professor Coffee testified repeatedly before Committees of both the Senate and the House during the drafting of Sarbanes-Oxley and assisted the Senate Finance Committee in drafting.

Professor Coffee is the author or editor of several widely used casebooks on corporations, securities regulation, takeovers, and business organization and finance, including Coffee and Seligman, Cases and Materials on Securities Regulation (9<sup>th</sup> ed. 2003), Choper, Coffee and Gilson, Case and Materials on Corporations (6<sup>th</sup> ed. 2004), Klein and Coffee, Business Organization and Finance (9<sup>th</sup> ed. 2004), and Coffee, Lowenstein, and Rose-Ackerman, Knights, Raiders and Targets: The Impact of the Hostile Takeover (Oxford University Press 1988). Professor Coffee has also been a visiting professor of law at Harvard, Stanford, Michigan and Virginia law schools and at several foreign law schools and began his teaching career at Georgetown University Law Center. According to a recent survey of law review citations, Professor Coffee is the most cited law professor in law reviews in the combined corporate, commercial, and business law field. Before entering academia, he practiced corporate law as an associate with the firm of Cravath, Swaine & Moore in New York City. He is a graduate of the Yale Law School and Amherst College.