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**BROWN, DEAN, WISEMAN, PROCTOR, HART & HOWELL  
CONTINUE TO PROVIDE AVIATION RELATED LEGAL SERVICES**

Two Fort Worth law firms—including one of the oldest in Fort Worth and the other distinguished in aviation matters—have merged effective Jan. 1, 2007, the partners announced today. The name of the firm is Brown, Dean, Wiseman, Proctor, Hart & Howell, LLP.

Brown, Dean, Wiseman, Liser, Proctor & Hart, LLP was founded in 1922, by Judge Jesse M. Brown, who had practiced law in Tarrant County, TX since the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Beale Dean, senior counsel to the firm, has been listed as one of the *The Best Lawyers in America* since 1987, and is joined on that list by John Proctor and Grant Liser. Richard Wiseman, recognized as a Texas Super Lawyer by *Texas Monthly Magazine* for three consecutive years, has been with the Brown Dean firm for more than 30 years. Six other firm partners have also been named as Texas Super Lawyers.

Howell, Dorman & Sams, LLP is the successor to the firm established in 1997 by Stephen C. Howell and others. The firm has specialized in litigation defense for numerous aviation companies, including Bell Helicopter Textron, Delta Airlines, Omniflight Helicopters, Goodrich Corporation, and Atlantic Southeastern Airlines, to name a few. Another transportation-related client is Union Pacific Railroad Company.

“With the merger, history is repeating itself,” said Mr. Wiseman. “Brown Dean first represented Bell Helicopter when it moved to Texas from Buffalo, New York in 1956 and built its first plant in Hurst. Our relationship continued over more than four decades of growth. Both firms have considerable experience and expertise in the areas of aviation defense, and it seems very natural for us to all be working

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together in the same office. This is like a homecoming for Steve Howell, who worked at Brown Dean from 1975 to 1997. Steve was a partner and the firm's lead aviation attorney during much of that period, representing Bell Helicopter Corporation and its successor, Bell Helicopter Textron, as well as other aviation product manufacturers."

Mr. Howell said he is excited about opportunities that are ahead for all of the attorneys in the Brown Dean group. "The Brown Dean firm is a pillar of Tarrant County's legal community. Our aviation section will offer unparalleled strengths in this industry," he said.

The current Brown Dean partners are Beale Dean, Richard W. Wiseman, Grant Liser, John C. Hart, John W. Proctor, Larry W. Wilshire, Sandra Liser, Charles B. Mitchell Jr., Michael L. Peck, Bruce H. Rogers, and James Blanton. Joining Mr. Howell as new partners in the Brown Dean firm are Carey Dorman and John Sams.

Associates coming to Brown Dean with the merger are David Chants and Brooke Ulrickson. Current associates are Sterling Elza, Jason C. Moon, Jennifer L. Willingham, Robert Piwetz, Adam Plumbley, and Nikki Morton.

The firm offices on the second floor of the Fort Worth Club Building, 306 West 7th Street, Fort Worth, TX. Its web address is [www.browndean.com](http://www.browndean.com).

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