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Texas Chief Justice Wallace Jefferson Featured Speaker at 2007 BBOD Project Dinner

(Phoenix) **The Honorable Wallace Jefferson**, Chief Justice, Texas Supreme Court, is the featured speaker for the Black Board of Directors Project 24th Annual Black Tie Preferred Dinner on Friday, October 19, 2007. It starts at **6:30pm** with a reception and the dinner program begins at 7:30pm.

The affair is being held at the Westin Kierland Resort and Spa, located at 6902 East Greenway Parkway; Scottsdale, Arizona.

He was appointed to the Texas Supreme Court in 2001 and was elected in 2002, garnering 60% of the votes in the contested Republican Primary and 56% of the vote in the contested general election.

Texas Governor Rick Perry promoted him to Chief Justice.

Chief Justice Wallace earned a BA in political philosophy from James Madison College at Michigan State University and his JD from University of Texas School of Law which honored him with its outstanding alumnus award. He also received the James Madison College Distinguished Alumnus Award.

He has lectured across the country on appellate advocacy and received national recognition from the American Bar Association for his 2001 speech celebrating Law Day.

Additional information on the dinner and BBOD Project can be obtained by call 602-234-1255 or visiting www.bbodproject.com.