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**Utah Attorney General Mark Shurtleff Joins Troutman Sanders**

December 17, 2012

**ATLANTA – December 17, 2012** – Troutman Sanders LLP announced today that Utah Attorney General Mark L. Shurtleff will join the firm in January 2013.

Shurtleff, who was first elected in 2000 as Utah’s chief lawyer, is retiring from public office after three terms and is recognized as an expert in numerous cutting edge legal issues, including energy-related matters. Working with his colleagues on both sides of the political aisle, Shurtleff has won praise for fashioning workable solutions to a variety of problems.

“Mark’s addition will strengthen and enhance Troutman Sanders’ state regulatory expertise in a number of areas, including privacy, data security, state consumer protection issues and matters involving the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau,” said Ashley L. Taylor, Jr., the leader of the firm’s State Attorneys General team as well as its Regulatory Compliance and Government Litigation practice.

Taylor noted that Shurtleff’s experience working with the other states through the National Association of Attorneys General will be of tremendous value to the firm’s clients, especially in multistate investigations. Shurtleff, who will work in the firm’s Washington, D.C., office, will join a State Attorneys General team at Troutman Sanders that includes a former state Attorney General, a former state Solicitor General, a former Deputy Attorney General as well as several former Assistant Attorneys General.

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"I have been honored to serve the people of Utah for the past 12 years, so leaving public office was a difficult choice for me," Shurtleff said. "But I am excited about the opportunity to join the country's leading State Attorneys General team."

A graduate of Brigham Young University and the University of Utah College of Law, Shurtleff is past chairman of the Conference of Western Attorneys General and served several times on the executive committee for the National Association of Attorneys General.

Shurtleff served as an officer in the U.S. Navy JAG Corp and has been a Boy Scout leader for 22 years, during which time he was honored with the Silver Beaver. He also received the highest award given by Mexico to a non-Mexican, The Order of the Aztec Eagle. He is a published author of the historical novel "Am I Not A Man? The Dred Scott Story."

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