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### Gulf Coast Legal Technology Center Announces Office Location in New Orleans

**New Orleans, LA, March 23rd, 2007** – The Gulf Coast Legal Technology Center (GLTC) is pleased to announce it has secured office space in New Orleans and will open there in April. In partnership with Law Office Technology of Baton Rouge, LA, GLTC was able to arrange for a donation of office space from the New Orleans law firm of Guste, Barnett & Shushan. The center will be located in Suite 2500 of the Entergy Building at 639 Loyola Avenue in the heart of the Central Business District of New Orleans and close to state and federal courts, both trial and appellate.

The GLTC is a subsidiary of the Legal Electronic Discovery Institute (LEDI), a Washington-based nonprofit. According to Tom O'Connor, Director of LEDI ... “a permanent technology center is critical to assist the legal community of the Gulf Coast by providing a central source for information about technology resources as well as training in technology implementation. With the acquisition of this office space, the GLTC can now turn its full attention to helping the Gulf Coast legal community revitalize and expand by providing access to this type of legal technology information.”

“The realities of Katrina have forced the legal community in the Gulf Coast to get by with less support staff and resources, while trying to service clients whose needs have never been greater,” said Craig Bayer, Principal of Law Office Technology. “The successful implementation and training of legal technologies is the answer to making these firms as productive as they were before Katrina hit. I fully believe the GLTC can greatly assist the Gulf Coast Area in achieving this goal.”

A special focus of the center will be assistance to solo practitioners, small firm lawyers, low-income legal aid programs and courts. The GLTC will also be available for assisting the bar associations of all the Gulf Coast states in technology planning, particularly in emergency preparedness and disaster recovery programs.

In addition to grant funding from traditional sources, the support of commercial legal technology

vendors will be critical to the establishment of the GLTC; both LEDI and Law Office Technology will be reaching out to both for assistance. For more information on support and sponsorship opportunities, visit the Legal Electronic Document Institute Web site at [www.legal-edocs.org](http://www.legal-edocs.org) or the Law Office Technology web site at <http://www.lawot.com> .

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#### About Law Office Technology

Law Office Technology is a Louisiana based legal technology solutions integrator that services the Gulf Coast area. Main areas of expertise include Practice and Document Management, Document Generation, and Billing and Accounting implementation. LOT assists all sorts of legal entities from the East Baton Rouge Parish Attorney's office and the Louisiana Public Service Commission's Legal Department to many solo practitioners all over the region.

#### About Guste, Barnett & Shushan

Guste Barnett & Shushan has represented clients in Louisiana for nearly two centuries, with a lineage that dates back before Louisiana's statehood. In 1809, Alfred Hennen, a graduate of Yale, opened an office for the practice of law in Exchange Place in what today is known as the Vieux Carre. Since that early beginning, the Hennen firm evolved in a direct line, continuously remaining in business, although changing in name, to today's firm. During the past 195 years, successor partners have taken over from elder ones who retired or passed away. The names Guste and Barnett appeared as associates in the firm in 1916. The current name, Guste, Barnett & Shushan, has remained unchanged since 1975.