



## **R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Promotes Holton to Senior Vice President and Deputy General Counsel; Donahue to Retire Later in 2005**

**WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. – Feb. 2, 2005** – R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company today announced that Martin L. Holton III has been promoted to senior vice president and deputy general counsel for litigation. Holton, 47, had been vice president and assistant general counsel of litigation for the company.

Daniel W. Donahue, 62, currently senior vice president and deputy general counsel of R.J. Reynolds, has announced his intention to retire. He has agreed to remain with the company until the fall of 2005 to ensure a smooth transition of litigation management to Holton, and to complete a number of special litigation projects.

“Dan Donahue has helped set and execute this company’s legal strategy for more than 14 years and we are indebted to him for the commitment and insight he has consistently brought to the table,” said Charles A. Blixt, executive vice president and general counsel of R.J. Reynolds. “I have every confidence that Mark Holton’s assumption of this critical role will be seamless and quickly completed. Mark has worked for more than 20 years on R.J. Reynolds’ litigation issues both as in-house counsel and during his tenure at Womble Carlyle Sandridge and Rice. We are fortunate to have someone of Mark’s caliber and proven track record for this position,” Blixt said. “Dan has agreed to remain with the company until this fall to assist me with a number of special litigation and other projects.”

Holton joined R.J. Reynolds as vice president and assistant general counsel – litigation in March 2002.

Donahue joined the company in October 1990. He began his legal career in 1968 with a general litigation practice in Greensboro, N.C. Donahue joined the law firm of Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice in 1978. During his tenure with that firm, Donahue was national counsel for Ford Motor Company and other clients in product-liability litigation. In 1986, Donahue was inducted into the American College of Trial Lawyers.

*[R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company](#) (R.J. Reynolds) is an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of [Reynolds American Inc.](#) (NYSE: RAI). R.J. Reynolds is the second-largest tobacco company in the United States, manufacturing about one of every three cigarettes sold in the United States. R.J. Reynolds’ product line includes five of the nation’s 10 best-selling cigarette brands: Camel, Winston, Kool, Salem and*

*Doral. For more information about R.J. Reynolds, visit the company's Web site at [www.RJRT.com](http://www.RJRT.com).*

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