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### **R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company Names Holton General Counsel**

**WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. – Dec. 1, 2006** – R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company recently appointed Martin L. (“Mark”) Holton III general counsel.

In his new role, Holton will oversee all legal matters for R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company. Holton reports directly to Lynn Beasley, president of R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, and will coordinate with E. Julia (“Judy”) Lambeth, executive vice president and general counsel for Reynolds American Inc., on legal issues.

Holton joined R.J. Reynolds as vice president and assistant general counsel – litigation in March 2002. He began his legal career in 1982 as an associate at Ford and Harrison in Atlanta, Ga. He joined Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice, PLLC in 1984 as an associate and became a partner there in 1990.

A native of High Point, N.C., Holton earned a bachelor’s degree in economics from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a law degree with honors from the University of North Carolina School of Law in 1982.

*R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, an indirect subsidiary of Reynolds American Inc. (NYSE: RAI), is the second-largest tobacco company in the United States, manufacturing about one of every three cigarettes sold in the country. The company’s brands include five of the 10 best-selling U.S. cigarette brands: Camel, Kool, Winston, Salem and Doral. For more information, visit [www.RJRT.com](http://www.RJRT.com).*

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