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### **KUTAK ROCK ANNOUNCES OPENING OF WICHITA OFFICE**

#### **Veteran Litigator Alan Rupe Takes Helm**

Kutak Rock LLP, a national law firm based in Omaha, has announced the opening of an office in Wichita, Kansas that will maintain a primary practice focus on employment law and litigation. The office will serve as a key component of the firm's national employment law practice.

**Alan L. Rupe**, a litigation attorney who has practiced in Wichita for 25 years, will join the firm to head the office. He and **S. Douglas Mackay** will lead a group of six lawyers and several staff members. All Wichita members of the firm are currently part of Husch & Eppenberger, LLC in Wichita.

The firm will open for business on November 3, 2003 in the Capitol Federal Building at 8301 East 21st Street North in Wichita. Firm members will work in temporary quarters while permanent accommodations are readied on another floor.

The Wichita move represents Kutak Rock's first office in Kansas. The firm has for years maintained a major presence in the region, however, with offices in Kansas City, Missouri,

Omaha and Lincoln, Nebraska, Denver, Oklahoma City, and Fayetteville and Little Rock, Arkansas.

**David Jacobson**, chair of Kutak Rock, said the establishment of an office in Wichita makes a great deal of sense for the firm. “We’re always looking for ways to enhance our ability to provide great service to our clients on a regional and national basis. Alan Rupe and his colleagues fit perfectly with those goals,” he explained. “We’re also much impressed with the city and its business community. That combination made the arrangement very attractive to us.”

Noting that his group and Kutak Rock serve some of the same large corporate clients, Alan Rupe said the move to Kutak Rock presented him and his group with a rare opportunity. “It’s a beneficial venture not only for our group in Wichita and for Kutak Rock, but also for the clients we have in common,” Rupe said. “Our group’s expertise and Kutak Rock’s national apparatus will let us provide clients with better service.”

The 2003-04 edition of Chambers & Partners USA reported that Rupe has been recognized by his peers as “the best and most effective labor and employment trial lawyer in the state.”

Kutak Rock LLP’s more than 325 lawyers conduct a diversified practice in corporate law and corporate finance, litigation, public finance, real estate, health care, securitization, banking, bankruptcy, insurance, technology law, antitrust, environmental law, and employment and employee benefits from offices in Atlanta, Chicago, Denver, Des Moines, Fayetteville, Irvine, Kansas City, Lincoln, Little Rock, Oklahoma City, Omaha, Pasadena, Richmond, Scottsdale, Washington, D.C. and Wichita.

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