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**SCOTT BARNES JOINS HARCOURT ASSESSMENT
AS VICE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL COUNSEL**

SAN ANTONIO – Leading test publisher Harcourt Assessment, Inc., today announced that Scott Barnes has joined the company as vice president and general counsel, with responsibility for all legal matters.

Barnes is a senior legal professional with multinational experience and an industry background that includes both services and manufacturing.

“Scott Barnes understands complex businesses and their intricate legal matters, which makes him a perfect fit for Harcourt Assessment,” said Jeff Galt, the company’s president and chief executive officer. “In particular, his expertise in the areas of contracts and intellectual property protection will be very valuable assets to our company. He is an outstanding addition to our senior management team and we welcome him.”

Barnes joins Harcourt from TRW, Inc., where he held a number of positions over an extended and distinguished career. Most recently, as vice president and assistant general counsel, he oversaw a team of attorneys, paralegals and other specialists who provided company-wide support on a broad range of legal issues, including employee relations, benefits, labor, immigration, international trade, purchasing, e-business, information systems and other special projects.

During his career at TRW, Barnes held legal positions at both the corporate level and at several of TRW’s business units, including Aerospace and Information Systems, Automotive, Steering Suspension and Engine, Information Systems, and Electronics and Defense.

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Prior to joining TRW, Barnes was an attorney at Overton, Lyman and Prince, a general practice law firm in Los Angeles.

He has been admitted to various state bar associations and is a member of the American Corporate Counsel Association.

Barnes earned a law degree from the University of Michigan Law School. He also holds a bachelor's degree in economics from UCLA and a master's degree in business administration from UCLA's Anderson Graduate School of Management.

Based in San Antonio, Harcourt Assessment, Inc., is a leading provider of high-quality assessment instruments and testing programs. Its educational products include the Stanford Achievement Test series and the Otis-Lennon School Ability Test[®]. Under the PsychCorp[™] brand, it also publishes a wide variety of clinical products, such as the Wechsler[®] family of tests, including the Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children[®] (WISC-IV[®]), as well as the CELF[®] family of speech and language tests.

Through the development of custom statewide educational testing programs, Harcourt is helping more than 20 states meet the accountability requirements of the federal No Child Left Behind Act.

The company is affiliated with the Harcourt book publishing companies, and together they form the global education brand of Reed Elsevier Group plc (NYSE: RUK and ENL) -- a world-leading publisher and information provider operating in the science and medical, legal, education and business-to-business industry sectors.

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