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LEE KANON ALPERT TO BE HONORED AS ONE OF THREE
2007 "PERSONS OF THE YEAR" BY *METROPOLITAN NEWS-ENTERPRISE*

ENCINO, CALIF.--Lee Kanon Alpert, founding partner of the Encino law firm of Alpert, Barr & Grant, APLC and former president of the San Fernando Valley Bar Association, will be honored this month as one of three attorneys to receive the prestigious "Person of the Year" Award for 2007 by the *Metropolitan News-Enterprise*, the legal newspaper serving downtown Los Angeles.

Alpert will be honored along with Robert H. Philibosian and Gretchen Nelson at a dinner held January 25, 2008 at the Jonathan Club (545 S. Figueroa St.) Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Lawrence W. Crispo will serve as emcee. This is the 20th anniversary of the award.

"I'm honored to be in such esteemed company," says Alpert. "Their dedication to the legal profession and the community at large makes them most worthy of this honor. The prestige and quality of the past recipients of this award in and of themselves, are indicative of the value and meaning of being selected as a recipient. "

Alpert's more than 35-year legal practice focuses on business, cable, construction, corporate, government relations, outside general counsel and real estate transactional law. He also serves as a private arbitrator and mediator., Alpert has been appointed to and chaired numerous city, county and state commissions . They include the Los Angeles World Airports Board of Airport Commissioners, the City of Los Angeles Board of Building & Safety Commission (chair), the first Board of Neighborhood Council Commission (chair), the Los Angeles County Commission on Judicial Procedures (chair) and the California State Senate and State Assembly Business Advisory Commissions.

Currently, he chairs the Board of Genesis L.A. Economic Development Corp, which raises private funds and public tax credits to assist in the development of blighted urban areas. He sits on the Board and Executive Committee of the Valley Economic Development Center and the Valley Industry and Commerce Association. Lee also chairs the Governing Board of Directors of the Encino-Tarzana Regional Medical Centers. Alpert was recently appointed and confirmed as a commissioner on the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power.

Alpert, Philibosian and Nelson are all "universally respected and able attorneys whose interests are broad and whose accomplishments are multitudinous and stellar," says Jo-Ann W. Grace, the newspaper's co-publisher

The awards evening will begin at 6:00 p.m. with cocktails followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$190 per person or \$1,800 for a table of 10. The reservation deadline is January 18. To make a reservation, call 213-346-0033 or go to www.metnews.com.

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