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CONNECTICUT LAWYER SWORN IN – IN LONDON

(Friday, November 19, 2004, Meriden, CT) Houston Putnam Lowry, Esq. of Brown & Welsh, P.C. (BrownWelsh.com) of Meriden, CT was sworn in October 27, 2004 as a freeman of the City of London. The ceremony took place in the Chamberlain's Court at the Guildhall in London. Lowry was escorted to the ceremony by the Court's Beadle, wearing the traditional top hat and tails.

Dating from 1237 in London, the medieval term 'freeman' meant someone who was not the property of a feudal lord, but enjoyed privileges such as the right to earn money and own land. Town dwellers protected by the charter of their town or city were often free - hence the term 'freedom of the City'.

Lowry's international arbitration practice keeps in him in close contact with London. He was nominated for Freedom because of his membership in the Worshipful Company of Arbitrators, a modern day livery company and successor to the ancient London Guilds. The early livery companies were the medieval equivalent of trading standards departments, checking quality of goods and weights and measures. They also controlled imports, set wages and working conditions and trained apprentices. While some modern livery companies still continue parts of this role, most modern livery companies primary have charitable and education purposes.

Later that evening, Lowry was installed as a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Arbitrators in the Tallow Chandlers Hall, which dates from 1672. He was lead by the Company's Beadle carrying a staff, before the Court of Assistants, where the oath was administered. The Beadle then clothed Lowry in the Company's Livery colors (green and burnt orange). In the tradition of the Company, Lowry delivered a short speech on the importance of Livery Company's community.

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