

**Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, Los Angeles
Announces the Selection of the Final 16 Artists
For Inclusion in LA25**

Los Angeles, CA, Sept. 24, 2007 — **Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP** is pleased to announce the selection of the last 16 artists for inclusion in **LA25** – a project celebrating the firm's 25th anniversary in Los Angeles through the support of the city's vibrant young artists' community. Over the course of the next year, **LA25** will continue to present the work of 25 artists working in various media who, at the time of selection, have not had previous commercial gallery representation. The celebration began last year with an exhibition of the initial nine artists. The final 16 artists have been selected from some of the most renowned art schools in the Los Angeles area – Art Center College of Design, CalArts, Claremont Graduate University, Otis College of Art and Design, UC Irvine, UCLA, and USC.

Exhibitions of the artists' work will take place this fall and next spring. The first exhibition this fall will include **Marya Alford** (born 1979), **Andres Janacua** (born 1982), **Annie Lapin** (born 1978), **Christopher Michlig** (born 1973), **Yaniro Paramo** (born 1982), **Ephraim Puusemp** (born 1976), **Marco Rios** (born 1975), and **Carly Steward** (born 1979).

The spring 2008 exhibition will feature **Lindsay Brandt** (born 1973), **Cal Crawford** (born 1979), **Marie Jager** (born 1975), **Vishal Jugdeo** (born 1979), **Jim Skuldt** (born 1970), **Kaari Upson** (born 1972), **Greg Wilken** (born 1980), and **Rosha Yaghmai** (born 1978).

Harold M. Williams, of counsel at Skadden and President Emeritus of the J. Paul Getty Trust, is overseeing the project. Williams and the Los Angeles office are working with **Thomas Solomon** who is serving as the chief curator. A jury of art professionals made the final selection of the 25 artists whose work is being exhibited.

"Since Skadden opened its Los Angeles office in 1983, we have proudly participated in the city's rich cultural life," Williams said. "Recognizing 25 emerging artists is our way of celebrating the vitality of Los Angeles and the 25 years Skadden has been a part of it."

The members of the jury include: **John Baldessari**, artist; **Kris Kuramitsu**, former Curator for the Collections of Peter Norton and Eileen Harris Norton and former Director of Arts Programs for the Peter Norton Family Foundation; **Weston Naef**, Curator of Photographs at the J. Paul Getty Museum; **Cathy Opie**, artist; **Ann Philbin**, Director of the Hammer Museum; and **Paul Schimmel**, Chief Curator at MOCA.

The public may view the work online at www.skadden.com/LA25. **LA25** will culminate in an anniversary celebration at the **Hammer Museum** in 2008 where a selection of artworks by the 25 artists will be on display for the evening.