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## **KENDRICK MACDOWELL JOINS NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THEATRE OWNERS**

***Former Capitol Hill Counsel and Washington, D.C. Lawyer to Serve as Association's General Counsel and Director of Government Affairs***

Washington, D.C. (January 13, 2005) – National Association of Theatre Owners (NATO) President John Fithian today announced that G. Kendrick Macdowell has joined the Association as its General Counsel and Director of Government Affairs. Mr. Macdowell will provide legal advice to NATO, its staff and members, and will oversee the government affairs program of the association. Key substantive areas of focus will include the industry's transition to digital technologies as well as the effort to combat movie piracy.

"We are thrilled that someone with Mr. Macdowell's extensive experience and legal acumen has joined the executive team at our trade association," stated Mr. Fithian. "The movie theatre industry currently confronts many challenges and opportunities, and Kendrick will help guide us toward the future."

Mr. Macdowell most recently served as the General Counsel to the U.S. Senate Governmental Affairs Subcommittee on Financial Management, the Budget and International Security, chaired by former Senator Peter Fitzgerald (R-IL), who recently retired. In addition to his committee work, Mr. Macdowell also worked as Senator Fitzgerald's legislative counsel for judiciary issues.

Prior to his public service on Capitol Hill, Mr. Macdowell was a partner at the Washington, D.C. law firm of Patton Boggs LLP, where he worked as a litigator and appellate advocate, integrating litigation strategy with broad-based policy initiatives in regulatory and legislative forums. At Patton Boggs, he also developed constitutional and political analysis for legislative clients. Prior to joining Patton Boggs, Mr. Macdowell clerked for Judge Thomas M. Reavley of the Fifth Circuit United States Court of Appeals in Austin, Texas. He holds Doctor of Jurisprudence, Master, and Bachelor of Arts Degrees from the University of Texas.

The National Association of Theatre Owners is the largest exhibition trade organization in the world, representing movie theatres in all 50 states and in more than 40 countries. NATO represents all of the ten largest movie theatre operators in the country, as well as over 500 smaller exhibition companies, for a combined total of more than 29,000 U.S. movie screens. NATO is headquartered in Washington, D.C., with a second office in North Hollywood, California. The association has a website at [www.natoonline.org/](http://www.natoonline.org/).



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