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JOHN WHITEHEAD, FORMER DEPUTY U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE, AND DEBORAH WADSWORTH, FORMER PRESIDENT OF PUBLIC AGENDA, JOIN ADVISORY BOARD OF COMMON GOOD

NEW YORK, NY – January 13, 2004 – Common Good, the national bi-partisan legal reform coalition, announced today that John Whitehead and Deborah Wadsworth have joined its Advisory Board.

John Whitehead is Chairman of the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation. He was Deputy U.S. Secretary of State under President Ronald Reagan and, before that, was Co-Chairman of Goldman, Sachs & Company. He has also served as Chairman of the Securities Industry Association.

Deborah Wadsworth, former President of Public Agenda, a nonpartisan and nonprofit opinion research organization, is currently a Senior Advisor and Board Member of Public Agenda. She is also Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Bennington College.

“I am delighted that John Whitehead and Deborah Wadsworth have joined the other distinguished Members of the Advisory Board of Common Good,” said Philip K. Howard, Chair of Common Good. “Mr. Whitehead’s extraordinary record in business and public service and Ms. Wadsworth’s nuanced understanding of public opinion and of education will both be great resources as we continue to expand our national campaign to restore reliability to the American system of justice.”

Common Good is a bi-partisan legal reform coalition dedicated to overhauling America's lawsuit culture. Its Board of Advisors is composed of leaders in a wide range of fields: former government officials, including Griffin Bell, Newt Gingrich, Eric Holder, George McGovern, Diane Ravitch, Alan Simpson, and Richard Thornburgh; current and former university presidents, including Tom Kean, George Rupp, and John Silber, and numerous other leaders in education, healthcare, law, business and public policy. The Chair of Common Good is Philip K. Howard, a lawyer and author of The Death of Common Sense and The Collapse of the Common Good.

Additional information on Common Good is available at www.cgood.org.