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***Lasker Foundation Welcomes George P. Noon, Mike Overlock and
Russell W. Steenberg to Board of Directors***

New York, June 3, 2010 - [The Albert and Mary Lasker Foundation](#), which for 65 years has championed the major breakthroughs in medical research through its prestigious Lasker Awards, today announced the election of three new members to its Board of Directors, **George P. Noon, M.D., Willard J. "Mike" Overlock, Jr.,** and **Russell W. Steenberg.**

"We are delighted with the deep sense of commitment and vast professional experience that **Dr. Noon, Mr. Overlock,** and **Mr. Steenberg** bring to our Board of Directors as we redouble our efforts to bring the potential and promise of medical research to people across the globe," said **Dr. Maria C. Freire,** President of the Lasker Foundation.

Dr. Alfred Sommer, Chairman of the Lasker Foundation and Dean Emeritus of the Bloomberg School of Public Health of Johns Hopkins University, joined Dr. Freire in greeting the new board members. "Dr. Noon is an eminent leader in transplant surgery, while Mr. Overlock and Mr. Steenberg have distinguished themselves in the financial world while possessing a deep commitment to discoveries that improve health," said Sommer. "All three will bring much to the Board's deliberations."

Dr. Noon is Professor of Surgery and Chief of the Division of Transplant Surgery and Assist Devices in the Michael E. DeBakey Department of Surgery at Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas. He serves as Director, Executive Council for Transplant Services at The Methodist Hospital in Houston; and Co-Director of the Vascular Diagnostic Laboratory at The Methodist Hospital. Additionally, Dr. Noon is on the attending staff of The Methodist Hospital, the active staff of St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital, the consulting staff of Texas Children's Hospital, and the associate attending staff of Ben Taub General Hospital. He is also the President of the M.E. DeBakey Medical Foundation.

Mike Overlock joined Goldman, Sachs & Co. in 1973 and was elected to the partnership in 1982. Mr. Overlock was head of the Mergers & Acquisitions Department from 1984 to 1996. He served as co-head of the Investment Banking Division from 1990 to 1996 and served as a member of the Management Committee and the International Executive Committee from 1990 to 1995. Mr. Overlock is a director of Becton, Dickinson & Co.; Simms Fishing Products, LLC; Flagler System, Inc.; and an adviser to the Parthenon Group in Boston. He serves on the Board of Overseers at the Columbia Graduate School of Business and is a member of the Board of Rockefeller University. Mr. Overlock is a member of the Investment Committee for the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He was the Chairman of the Board of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International and a member of its board from 1992 to 1998.

Mr. Steenberg is the global head of Private Equity Partners at BlackRock and is a member of BlackRock's Leadership Committee. Prior to joining BlackRock, he was a co-founder and Managing Director of Fenway Partners, a middle-market buyout group. From 1983 until joining Fenway in 1995, Mr. Steenberg was employed by AT&T Investment Management Company, where he was co-head of the AT&T Pension Fund's private equity portfolio. Mr. Steenberg currently serves on the advisory boards of the following funds or GPs: SKM Equity Fund III, Quadrangle Capital Partners, Lindsay Goldberg & Bessemer, CCMP II, APAX US VII, Clayton Dubilier & Rice VII, Parallel Investment Partners, THLee VI and is on the Board of Advisor's for the Tuck Center of Private Equity and Entrepreneurship. Mr. Steenberg received his M.B.A. from the Amos Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College, an M.P.A. from American University, and a B.A. from St. Lawrence University.

About the Lasker Foundation:

The **Albert and Mary Lasker Foundation** fosters the prevention and treatment of disease and disabilities by honoring excellence in basic and clinical science, by educating the public, and by advocating for support of medical research.

Founded in 1942, the Lasker Foundation presents the prestigious **Lasker Awards**, which recognize the world's leaders in basic and clinical medical research, and individuals with outstanding public service. For much of the 20th Century, the Lasker Foundation was led by Mary Lasker, who was America's most prominent citizen-activist for public investment in medical research. Mary Lasker is widely credited with prodding the White House and the Congress to greatly expand federal funding for medical research, particularly through the National Institutes of Health.

Further information about the Albert and Mary Lasker Foundation is available at www.laskerfoundation.org.

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