



# News Release

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## **DLA Piper Sponsors Opening Event for Treaty of Paris Exhibition at the National Archives**

Washington, D.C.... DLA Piper joins the National Archives this week to commemorate the 225th anniversary of the Treaty of Paris. The Foundation for the National Archives announced that the global law firm is providing a generous \$20,000 to sponsor a celebration of the opening of the National Archives' new exhibition: *1783: Subject or Citizen?*

Opening Friday, October 3, 2008, in the Lawrence F. O'Brien Gallery of the National Archives Building in Washington, D.C., *1783: Subject or Citizen?* reveals the untold story of the Treaty of Paris, which ended the American Revolution and resulted in the reshaping of modern North America. The exhibition marks the first time the U.S. National Archives and Library and Archives Canada have collaborated on an international exhibition.

*1783: Subject or Citizen?* incorporates 60 archival treasures from the vaults of both institutions, including the rarely displayed 1783 Treaty of Paris, which is from the U.S. National Archives. The multi-media exhibit includes audio interactives and 18th-century maps, books, paintings, and letters that tell the story of the individuals living during a time of unprecedented change.

“DLA Piper is pleased to be a sponsor of this wonderful exhibit, commemorating a notable event in the history of the United States and Canada,” said Governor James Blanchard, partner in the Washington, D.C. office. “As a former U.S. Ambassador to Canada, I am particularly pleased that our law firm has joined with the National Archives and the Library and Archives of Canada to highlight the long, warm and productive relationship between our two great nations.”

“We are thrilled to receive the support of DLA Piper for the opening event of *1783: Subject or Citizen?* This first ever joint exhibition with the Library and Archives Canada is very exciting for us, as is having an international corporate sponsor for the opening celebration,” said Tom Wheeler, President of the Foundation for the National Archives. “We thank DLA Piper for their interest and involvement.”

The exhibition will be on display through January 25, 2009, and is free and open to the public. The National Archives is located on the National Mall on Constitution Avenue at 9th Street, NW. Exhibit Hall hours are 10 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. daily, except Thanksgiving and December 25.

### **About the Foundation for the National Archives**

Created in 1992, the Foundation for the National Archives is an independent nonprofit organization committed to the mission of fostering public awareness of the importance of the National Archives as an essential resource in the American democracy. The Foundation serves as the private-sector partner of the National Archives in the creation of the *National Archives Experience*, a partnership for civic literacy which includes permanent exhibits, educational programs, traveling exhibits, special events and screenings, educational literature, and historical/records-related products and media. The Foundation supports these activities by generating financial and creative support from individuals, foundations and corporations who share a belief in the importance of engaging innovative civics education.

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