

Leonard J. Elmore Joins Lee Enterprises Board of Directors

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DAVENPORT, lowa--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Feb. 20, 2008--Leonard J. Elmore, a nationally known lawyer, business leader and sports figure, has been elected to the board of directors of Lee Enterprises, Incorporated (NYSE: LEE).

Elmore, 55, entered the legal profession as an assistant district attorney in Brooklyn, N.Y., after a 10-year career as a professional basketball player with the Indiana Pacers, Kansas City Kings, Milwaukee Bucks, New Jersey Nets and New York Knicks. He later founded Precept Sports & Entertainment Inc., a management and marketing company that specialized in representing professional athletes and consulting with corporations in sport-related marketing.

His career includes serving as senior counsel with the international law firm of Dewey & LeBoeuf in its New York City headquarters and as former president of Test University, a leading provider of Internet-delivered learning for pre-college students. He also has conducted a private practice specializing in criminal and civil litigation, corporate business development, sports and entertainment, and urban economic development. He appears on ESPN television regularly as a basketball analyst, and has served as a sports analyst also for ABC and for CBS during its coverage of the NCAA Basketball Tournament.

He is a graduate Harvard Law School and of the University of Maryland College Park, where he was an All-American in 1974. He serves on the board of trustees of the University of Maryland College Park and on the Knight Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics.

Others elected to terms on the Lee board of directors at the annual meeting of stockholders today were Richard R. Cole, dean emeritus and John Thomas Kerr Jr. Distinguished Professor at the School of Journalism and Mass Communication, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and a director since 2006; Nancy S. Donovan, founding partner of Circle Financial Group, LLC, and founding partner of Oakmont Partners, LLC, and a director since 2003; and Herbert W. Moloney III, president and chief operating officer of Western Colorprint, Inc., and a director since 2001.

Other directors continuing in office on the 10-member board are William E. Mayer, founding partner of Park Avenue Equity Partners, L.P., and a director since 1998; Mark B. Vittert, a private investor and a director since 1986; Andrew E. Newman, private investor and a director since 1991; Gordon D. Prichett, founder and partner of Cairnwood Cooperative, and professor of mathematics, statistics and information systems at Babson College, and a director since 1998; Gregory P. Schermer, Lee vice president for interactive media, and a director since 1999; and Mary E. Junck, Lee chairman, president and chief executive officer, and a director since 1999. All except Schermer and Junck are independent directors.

Lee Enterprises (NYSE: LEE) is a premier publisher of local news, information and advertising in primarily midsize markets, with 50 daily newspapers and a joint interest in five others, rapidly growing online sites and more than 300 weekly newspapers and specialty publications in 23 states. Lee's newspapers have circulation of 1.6 million daily and 1.9 million Sunday, reaching more than four million readers daily. Lee's online sites attract 12 million unique visitors monthly, and Lee's weekly publications have distribution of more than 4.5 million households. Lee's other newspaper markets include St. Louis, Mo.; Lincoln, Neb.; Madison, Wis.; Davenport, Iowa; Billings, Mont.; Bloomington, Ill.; and Tucson, Ariz. For more information about Lee, please visit www.lee.net.

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