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Herb Kelleher and John Muse to Address Conference On Corporate Governance for Early Stage Companies

Event: 21st Century Governance for Early Stage Companies Conference

When: 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, May 17

Where: Four Seasons Dallas at Las Colinas

Background: What are Wall Street analysts and shareholders looking for when they evaluate your company? Today, the list includes good corporate governance. This conference is designed to provide critical, practical, nuts-and-bolts information on corporate governance for the directors and CEOs of early stage companies—pre-IPO, and post-IPO companies—as well as privately held companies that plan to go public, or that simply want better governance.

The event, now in its third year, is co-sponsored by the IC² Institute and the Herb Kelleher Center for Entrepreneurship at The University of Texas at Austin, and the Institute for Excellence in Corporate Governance at the University of Texas at Dallas.

Keynote speakers will include Southwest Airlines founder Herb Kelleher, who will discuss the role his board played in the early years of Southwest Airlines, and HM Capital Partners chairman and co-founder John Muse, who will discuss working with the CEO.

Conference panel sessions will address: CEO role, selection and succession planning; the selection, retention and compensation of directors; and the roles and responsibilities of the audit and compensation committees.

Conference organizers say their goal is to become the nationally recognized leaders in corporate governance for early stage companies.

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