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WASHINGTON - NOV. 24 - Vernon Thomson, Chairman of the Federal Election Commission today announced the appointment, by unanimous vote of the Commission, of William C. Oldaker as General Counsel of the FEC, effective January 1, 1977.

Mr. Oldaker presently is the Assistant General Counsel for Compliance and Litigation for the FEC. He will replace John G. Murphy, Jr., who has served as General Counsel since May 1, 1975, and who will resume his teaching post at Georgetown University Law Center on January 1, 1977.

Mr. Oldaker has been with the Federal Election Commission since 1975. In addition to his responsibilities for establishing and supervising the FEC's compliance and litigation programs, he also acted as a liason with Congress in an effort to reconstitute the Commission after the Supreme Court's decision in Buckley v. Valeo, January 30, 1976.

Mr. Oldaker, who is 34, received his B.A. and J.D. degrees from the University of Iowa. He also attended the Graduate School of Business at the University of Chicago.

Following his studies at the University of Chicago, Mr. Oldaker worked as an attorney advisor for the Federal Communications Commission. In 1969, he joined the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission as Special Assistant to Chairman William H. Brown, III. In this capacity, he served as a liason with Congress, and as Federal regulatory coordinator, and served on the Administrative Conference of the United States.

In 1972, he was appointed Assistant Regional Attorney for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in Denver, Colorado, where he directed the civil litigation efforts of the EEOC in various Southern and Southwestern states.

Mr. Oldaker is a Member of the Bars of the Supreme Court of the United States, the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia, the District Court of the District of Columbia, the State of Colorado, and the State of Iowa.