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### **National Public Seating® Protects its Elephant Z-Stool Market Rights.**

CLIFTON , NJ – National Public Seating (NPS) today announced successful resolution of a trade dress infringement lawsuit brought against it in January, 2011 by VS America, Inc of Charlotte, NC.

In late 2010 NPS launched its popular Elephant Z-Stool Series in three sizes with & without backrests to great acclaim in the Educational marketplace. While the Lupo Stool has no patent, VS America filed suit alleging a Trade Dress infringement by the NPS Z-Stool. Rather than undergo prolonged litigation, NPS decided to make slight enhancements to the frame & glides, while maintaining the attractive appearance & important functional characteristics of the Z-Stool. VS America agreed to accept these changes to satisfy its trade dress claim.

“The NPS Elephant Z-Stool continues to be available with enhanced footrest & glide functions & features a more comfortable optional fanback backrest to complement Science, Art & many other installations nationwide”, says Barry Stauber, President of National Public Seating. “NPS will continue to actively & vigilantly protect our free market rights & the rights of the Educational & Institutional marketplaces”.

Effective September 28, 2011, NPS will begin marketing, selling & shipping the enhanced version of the Z-Stools. Until approximately that time, orders will be filled with the original style.

NPS, founded in 1997, provides quality, innovative Furniture & Equipment for the Institutional marketplace, backed up by support, service, pricing & Quick Ship unparalleled in the industry.

In addition to its headquarters in Clifton, NJ, NPS has facilities in Tennessee, California, Taiwan, Vietnam & China.

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