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Seyfarth Shaw Adds Trusts & Estates Attorney John Rogers, Jr. in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES (September 24, 2010) – Adding another veteran attorney to its Los Angeles office, leading full-service law firm Seyfarth Shaw LLP announced the arrival of trusts & estates lawyer John T. Rogers, Jr.

Rogers, who joins as of counsel, is the latest addition to Seyfarth in Los Angeles. In recent weeks, the firm has welcomed appellate lawyer James Harris, labor and employment attorneys Dana Howells, Jeffrey A. Berman and Joan E. Smiles, along with intellectual property lawyer Alan M. Lenkin.

Rogers specializes in trust, estate, and conservatorship administration and litigation, as well as estate planning, alternative dispute resolution, and professional responsibility. He has served as an expert witness in a number of cases involving such issues as breach of fiduciary duty and attorney ethics and malpractice. He was previously a partner with Luce Forward. Rogers is certified by the State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization in estate planning, trust and probate law.

“John Rogers is a top-notch trusts & estates attorney and we are happy to welcome him to the firm,” said Kenwood C. Youmans, managing partner of Seyfarth’s Los Angeles office. “With the arrival of Alan Yoshitake’s group in 2009 and now John, we truly have one of the top trusts & estates practices in Southern California.”

Rogers has participated in over three dozen seminars and conferences on trusts & estates law ranging in topics from ethics to fiduciary responsibility as well as litigation. He has also authored a number of articles on these topics. He is a former chair of the Los Angeles County Bar Association Trusts & Estates Section and a past president of the Los Angeles Estate Planning Council.

“Whether we are counseling entrepreneurs, high-net worth families, business owners, non-profits or individuals, clients come to us for our intricate knowledge of trusts & estates issues and the personal approach we use for each client,” said, H. Debra Levin, chair of Seyfarth’s Trusts & Estates practice group. “John shares these same traits – a high regard for service and a deep understanding of the law.”

Rogers received his law degree from UCLA School of Law and his B.S., with distinction, from Stanford University. He is admitted to the California Bar and the United States District Court for the Central District of California.

Seyfarth Shaw's trusts and estates attorneys have extensive experience advising clients regarding their estate planning needs and estate and trust administration. Clients include entrepreneurs, executives, owners of established, multinational businesses, retirees, and their family members. Seyfarth Shaw opened its Los Angeles office in 1973 with two partners from its Chicago office. It has grown both in breadth and depth since then. It now has over 100 lawyers with expertise in business transactions, intellectual property, commercial litigation, employee benefits, international and employment law.

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