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Mark A. Block Appointed Chair of Seyfarth Shaw's Real Estate Practice Group

Atlanta, GA (November 27, 2007)—Seyfarth Shaw LLP, one of America's leading full-service law firms, announced today that Mark A. Block, a partner based in the firm's Atlanta office, has been appointed Chair of the firm's Real Estate Practice Group. Block's practice specializes in commercial real estate development and finance.

"Mark is an integral member of our national real estate practice group and he's known in the Southeast commercial real estate market for his astute understanding of industry trends," said Edward J. Karlin, Chair of the Seyfarth Shaw's Business Services Department which houses the Real Estate Practice Group. "Mark takes the reins from Kelly Bufton who has overseen tremendous growth of our real estate practice under his leadership over the course of the past several years. We are grateful to Kelly for his leadership and look forward to working with Mark to build upon this solid foundation."

Seyfarth Shaw's real estate attorneys counsel individuals, corporations and other business entities to maximize the value and return on their real estate investments and assets. The firm's national footprint, extensive business and legal networks, and broad array of legal services, allows the firm to provide comprehensive legal advice and assistance to its clients. Real Estate Practice Group attorneys help clients identify emerging opportunities and challenges, and develop forward-looking strategies to meet their short- and long-term goals.

"I'm honored to chair this robust group of over 80 real estate attorneys throughout the firm," Block said. "Although the overall real estate market has been turbulent, we see signs that the commercial real estate segment of the market will remain strong. Whatever the conditions of the market, we work with our clients strategically to maximize their business opportunities."

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