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**Seyfarth Shaw's Labor and Employment Department in Los Angeles Welcomes  
Jon D. Meer as Partner**

Los Angeles, CA (July 7, 2008)—Seyfarth Shaw LLP, one of America's leading full-service law firms, today announced that Jon D. Meer has joined its Los Angeles office as a partner in the firm's Labor and Employment law Department. Meer joins Seyfarth Shaw from DLA Piper where he was a partner.

Meer, who was chair of his former firm's Los Angeles Labor and Employment practice, represents employers and management in all aspects of labor and employment law. He has extensive experience in litigation and client counseling of employers in the areas of class action litigation, wage and hour litigation and compliance, wrongful discharge, discharge in violation of public policy, sexual and other harassment and employment discrimination, among a host of areas. In addition, Meer has a record of defeating class certification in wage and hour cases, as well as discrimination and civil rights cases.

"Jon's contagious enthusiasm for his work along with his passion for providing first-class counsel to his clients are the very qualities that propel clients to refer to ours as among 'the go-to' firms for labor and employment matters in California and nationally," said Jeremy P. Sherman, Chair of the firm's Labor and Employment Department. "His practice, specializing in complex and high profile employment litigation, is a natural fit with the fastest growing practice group in our department."

Seyfarth Shaw has one of the largest labor and employment departments in California, with 100 labor and employment lawyers practicing in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Sacramento. Seyfarth Shaw was the first national firm to open California offices over 30 years ago. Today, the firm's California attorneys constitute approximately one-third of its labor and employment attorneys nationwide.

"We're very pleased to welcome Jon to our Los Angeles office, where he'll bring additional depth of experience to our robust team of labor and employment litigators and counselors," said Kenwood C. Youmans, Office Managing Partner of the firm's Los Angeles office. "We have every expectation that he'll greatly contribute to the ongoing success of both our office's and the firm's national labor and employment practice. Equally important, Jon will be a wonderful colleague who will add much to our social fabric."

Meer graduated *with honors* from Cornell University and later earned his J.D. from Boston University School of Law where he was Honorable Paul J. Liacos Scholar in the Law and Law Journal Executive Editor for Publication. He is a member of the Labor and Employment Law Section of the American Bar Association, a member of the Los Angeles County Bar Association, and has served as a lecturer in the Lawyer in the Classroom program sponsored by the Constitutional Rights Foundation.

"I'm very happy to join my team of talented colleagues in Seyfarth's Labor and Employment Department both nationally and here in Los Angeles," said Meer. "The firm is regarded as preeminent in this field, and I look forward to drawing on this collective brain trust—both nationally and locally—to assist me in my work on behalf of my clients."

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