

## Seyfarth Shaw's New York Office Welcomes Finance Partner

NEW YORK (December 5, 2011) – Leading law firm Seyfarth Shaw LLP is pleased to announce that Christopher Carolan has joined the firm's New York office as a partner in the Corporate Department, and a member of its Finance Practice Group. Carolan was previously a partner at Brown Rudnick.

Carolan's practice is focused on representing lenders, agents, and borrowers in the origination, workout, restructuring, and recovery of a wide variety of leveraged finance transactions involving everything from early stage venture capital financing to major credit facilities for Fortune 100 companies. He has represented clients in syndicated and single lender financings, frequently involving complex intercreditor relationships, secured by diverse personal property and real estate collateral, and often involving multiple cross-border jurisdictions.

Carolan has developed particular expertise in the financing and restructuring of retailers, commodity producers and traders, technology firms, real estate, and others. In the energy sector, Carolan has advised lenders financing the installation of solar power generating facilities secured by the solar facility and a pledge of its tax rebates, other government incentives and purchase contracts, and he's worked with lenders to solar panel manufacturers in workouts, restructurings, provision of debtor-in-possession financing, credit bids by the lenders and provision of merger financing. He has also counseled clients during the financing of strategic acquisitions and the construction of special projects. In addition, Carolan has represented clients in complex in-and-out-of-court restructurings, providing counsel on the resolution of distressed credits, enforcement of rights and remedies, liquidation and sale of assets, provision of debtor-in-possession financing and exit financing.

"Seyfarth Shaw has demonstrated its commitment to fortifying its New York finance practice, and I'm excited to join and expand my practice alongside my new colleagues at such a well-respected and reputable firm," said Carolan.

Chair of Seyfarth Shaw's Corporate Department Esteban Ferrer said, "Chris' depth of experience as a finance attorney, representing both lenders and borrowers, makes him ideally suited to serve the needs of our New York based clients in the asset based lending, mezzanine lending, leveraged lending and financial restructuring arenas. We look forward to working with him as we continue to prioritize our national finance platform."

John Napoli, Seyfarth's New York Office Co-Managing Partner, added, "Chris will be a great addition to the New York office. He's an incredibly talented young lawyer, and his particular expertise will complement our menu of services nicely."

Carolan received his undergraduate degree and graduate degree from Fordham University and his law degree from New York University School of Law, where he was a member of the Law Review. Carolan is a member of the New York bar. He is also a member of the Board of Governors of the Human Rights Campaign.

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