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Seyfarth Shaw Welcomes Alan I. Baron as Partner in the Firm's Litigation Department in Washington, D.C.

Washington, D.C. (April 28, 2009)—Seyfarth Shaw LLP, one of America's leading full-service law firms, today announced that Alan I. Baron has joined the firm's Litigation Department as a partner in the Washington, D.C. office. He was previously a partner at Holland & Knight LLP where he was Co-Chair of that firm's Congressional Investigations Team.

Baron concentrates his practice in white collar criminal defense and securities and financial litigation. His practice is focused on high-profile cases in the federal enforcement arena and complex civil litigation. He also serves as special counsel to government entities. In addition to his private practice career, Baron has a long history of public service. Among other things, Baron is currently serving as special impeachment counsel for the House Judiciary Committee in one of its investigations. He has served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for Maryland, successfully prosecuting a number of high profile cases involving bribery and organized crime. Baron has also served as Minority Chief Counsel to the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee as it investigated campaign finance abuses.

"Alan is a seasoned, highly credentialed, and reputable litigator. We are excited to have him join our team," said Michael R. Levinson, Chair of Seyfarth Shaw's Litigation Department. "His notable experience in white collar criminal defense will serve as an excellent addition to our already impressive group of securities and financial litigators."

Seyfarth Shaw's Litigation Department, comprised of more than 180 attorneys in offices throughout the United States, helps clients with every aspect of their dispute resolution needs, nationally and internationally. Seyfarth's litigators have significant depth and breadth of resources, a commitment to deliver high quality, cost-effective services and a detailed knowledge of clients' industries and business concerns. The group is composed of experienced and talented trial and appellate attorneys whose insights valuably serve their clients in both boardrooms and courtrooms. The Securities & Financial Litigation Practice Group represents companies (both public and private), their officers and directors, and outside advisors (auditors) in litigation brought by shareholders or other stakeholders, in investigations or proceedings brought by government agencies, and in internal investigations related to the conduct or governance decisions of the board/management or their representation to shareholders.

"We are delighted to welcome Alan, a highly regarded white collar defense and government contracts attorney, to our join our D.C. office," said Joseph R. Damato, Managing Partner of Seyfarth Shaw's Washington, D.C. office. "Alan shares our commitment to team work and top-tier client service and we look forward to his future at the firm."

Baron received his J.D. from Harvard Law School and his B.A. in English from Princeton University. He is admitted to the Maryland and District of Columbia Bars. He is also admitted to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, the Maryland Court of Appeals, the U.S. District Court for Maryland, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, and the U.S. Supreme Court. Baron has authored and contributed to several publications on matters relating to his practice. He has been an adjunct professor of law at the University of Maryland Law School. He has also served as a legal analyst and commentator for NBC News, with a focus on federal investigations and impeachment.

"I'm delighted to join Seyfarth Shaw's team of talented Securities and Financial Litigators both here in Washington, D.C. and across the country," said Baron. "I look forward to my career at the firm and continuing to provide best-in-class legal services to my clients."

Seyfarth Shaw has over 775 attorneys located in nine offices throughout the United States including Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles, New York, Sacramento, San Francisco, and Washington D.C., as well as Brussels, Belgium. Seyfarth Shaw provides a broad range of legal services in the areas of labor and employment, employee benefits, litigation and business services. The firm's practice reflects virtually every industry and segment of the country's business and social fabric. Clients include over 300 of the Fortune 500 companies, financial institutions, newspapers and other media, hotels, health care organizations, airlines and railroads. The firm also represents a number of federal, state, and local governmental and educational entities. For more information, please visit www.seyfarth.com.

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