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Real Estate Partner Morgan Jones Joins Sacramento Office of Seyfarth Shaw LLP

SACRAMENTO, CA (September 14, 2010)— Seyfarth Shaw LLP, one of America's leading full-service law firms, announced today that Morgan T. Jones has joined the firm's Sacramento office as a partner in the Real Estate department. He arrives from McDonough Holland & Allen PC, where he was a shareholder. Jones is joined by associate Robert J. Wood.

Jones focuses his practice in banking, with a particular emphasis on financing transactions and workouts, restructurings and loan enforcement, and in real estate. His financing practice includes all types of commercial real property secured loans involving all types of security properties and commercial and agricultural loans, as well as issuers of letters of credit in bond transactions. Jones also represents lenders in managing REO, sales of REO, and loan sales. His loan origination and restructuring practices have included syndicated and participated loans, affordable housing loans and public finance, equity participation loans, mezzanine loans, and multi-state transactions, as well as representation of lenders with high-volume commercial and commercial real estate lending programs.

"We are very excited to welcome Morgan to our firm," said Paul P. Mattingly, chair of Seyfarth Shaw's Real Estate department. "Morgan's strong real estate practice focusing on banking and his extensive lending practice and real estate financing experience will be a tremendous addition to our team. Further strengthening our Northern California presence is a critical part of our strategic plan."

The Real Estate department balances legal counsel with an understanding of how a client's business works and how their real estate assets and investments fit with their business objectives. The group specializes in retail, pension funds, office/industrial, development/construction, and structured real estate finance. The team works with lenders, investors, developers, owners and users of real estate across all industries, including pension funds, investment advisors and government entities.

The Structured & Real Estate practice group has multiple programs to provide updated market information and educational materials to current and potential clients, as well as internal programs designed to maintain its members' skill levels. The group works with a wide array of financial institutions and companies to structure and negotiate mortgage and mezzanine loans and other credit facilities, handle loan administration and servicing issues, and through the firm's Distressed Asset Resolution Team, represent the interest of clients in mortgage and mezzanine loan defaults, workouts, foreclosures, and borrower bankruptcies.

"Morgan shares our dedication to a team-based approach and providing exceptional client service," said William M. Brown, managing partner of the firm's Sacramento office. "He is a highly respected and knowledgeable real estate attorney and we look forward to working with him."

The Sacramento office of the firm opened in 1990 and is composed of labor and employment, employee benefits, litigation, real estate, trade secrets, and government contracts attorneys. Attorneys in the Sacramento office represent clients throughout California and the Western states. Attorneys and staff work in a collegial team environment and are involved in a variety of organizations that benefit the local community.

“I’m thrilled to join Seyfarth and contribute to the firm’s growing real estate practice,” said Jones. “I look forward to working with my colleagues across the firm to continue providing the highest level of service to my clients.”

Jones received his B.A. from the University of California, Santa Barbara, his M.A. from the University of California, Los Angeles and his J.D. from the University of California, Los Angeles School of Law where he served on the *UCLA Law Review* and the *UCLA International Law Journal*. He is admitted to practice law in the state of California. He is a fellow in the American College of Mortgage Attorneys.

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