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Seyfarth Shaw Welcomes Edward Cerasia II as Partner in the Labor & Employment Department in the New York Office

New York, NY (October 12, 2009)—Seyfarth Shaw LLP, one of America’s leading full-service law firms, today announced that Edward Cerasia II has joined the firm’s New York office. Cerasia joins as a partner in the Labor & Employment Department. Prior to joining Seyfarth Shaw, he was a partner at Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP.

Cerasia represents clients in employment, wage and hour, and employee benefits matters in the financial services, insurance, transportation, media and retail industries. He is an experienced trial attorney who has successfully handled jury and bench trials involving claims of sexual, racial, age, and disability harassment; race, age, disability, and gender discrimination; retaliation; constructive discharge; and entitlement to employee benefits. During the last six years alone, he successfully tried five cases to verdict.

“We are very pleased to welcome Ed to our firm,” said Lisa J. Damon, Chair of Seyfarth Shaw’s Labor & Employment Department. “He is a talented attorney and well-regarded by his clients. His depth of experience in complex employment and ERISA litigation will be an excellent addition to our growing practice nationwide.”

Seyfarth Shaw’s Labor & Employment Department consists of roughly 350 employment attorneys nationally at all levels of experience, allowing seamless representation of the firm’s clients across jurisdictions. The firm’s labor and employment lawyers are organized to leverage their knowledge of specific industry experience and key workplace subspecialties, such as: Affirmative Action/Diversity, Business Immigration, California Labor Code Litigation, Complex Discrimination Litigation, ERISA/Employee Benefits Litigation, Employment Law Training, International Labor and Employment, Single-Plaintiff Litigation, Wage and Hour Litigation, and Workplace Counseling and Compliance Solutions.

“Ed shares our passion for a team-based approach and exceptional client service,” said Lorie E. Almon, Co-Managing Partner of Seyfarth Shaw’s New York office. “He is an excellent lawyer, mentor and partner and we are thrilled to have him on our team.”

Seyfarth Shaw first opened its New York office in 1979 with seven attorneys. Today, the office is home to over 100 attorneys, many of whom are also admitted to practice in New Jersey and Connecticut. Practices represented in the New York office include: Bankruptcy, Workouts & Business Reorganization; Commercial Class Action Defense; Commercial Litigation; Corporate; Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation; Labor & Employment; Real Estate; Securities & Financial Litigation; Structured & Real Estate Finance; Tax; and Trade Secrets, Computer Fraud, & Non-Competes.

“I am honored to join Seyfarth Shaw in New York,” said Cerasia. “I’m confident that Seyfarth is the perfect home for me to continue servicing my clients to the highest caliber, and I look forward to working with my colleagues across the firm to achieve that end.”

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Cerasia received his B.S. from Syracuse University and his J.D. (*valedictorian and summa cum laude*) from the University of Bridgeport School of Law. He is admitted to practice law in New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut.

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