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**Seyfarth Shaw Welcomes Anthony F. Newton to Houston Office as Of Counsel in the Corporate & Finance Practice Group**

Houston, TX (July 13, 2009)—Seyfarth Shaw LLP, one of America’s leading full-service law firms, today announced that Anthony F. Newton has joined the firm’s Houston office as Of Counsel to the Corporate & Finance Practice Group. Prior to joining Seyfarth Shaw, he was a principal at Franklin Cardwell & Jones P.C.

Newton handles various general corporate, mergers and acquisitions, and private equity placement matters, with an emphasis on servicing clients in the energy and alternative energy industries. He also advises clients as to the federal income tax aspects of corporate, partnership and individual tax matters; tax controversies and tax litigation at the state and federal levels; and state and local tax matters, including sales tax, franchise tax, margin tax and ad valorem tax.

“Tony is an excellent addition to our growing corporate practice in Houston,” said Allan J. Reich, Chair of Seyfarth Shaw's Corporate & Finance Practice Group. “His experience, particularly servicing energy and alternative energy sector clients, will further enhance our corporate energy offerings in addition to strengthening the firm’s local and national transactional capabilities.”

Seyfarth Shaw’s Corporate & Finance attorneys serve a diverse client base, ranging from start-up ventures to middle market companies to large multinational corporations. The breadth of the team’s knowledge allows them to guide clients through myriad legal issues. Since corporate matters frequently involve aspects of many legal disciplines, the firm’s corporate attorneys regularly draw on the resources of Seyfarth Shaw’s other practice areas such as employee benefits, intellectual property, labor and employment, real estate, environmental and bankruptcy to deliver coordinated, seamless service to clients. In this way, clients receive full attention from dedicated, focused business attorneys, as well as reap the benefits of a full-service law firm.

“We are very excited to welcome Tony to our office,” said John L. Collins, Managing Partner of Seyfarth Shaw’s Houston office. “He shares our commitment to growing our corporate practice in Houston and nationwide and he also possesses our firm’s values and commitment to exceptional client service.”

In 1995, Seyfarth established an office in the heart of downtown Houston, Texas. Lawyers from Seyfarth Shaw’s Houston office frequently make presentations to the legal and business community and are involved in a variety of community service efforts. With Houston currently ranked as the largest city in Texas and fourth largest in the United States, Seyfarth Shaw's Houston office provides clients with important legal assistance in this strategic geographical and business area.

“Because it is such a renowned firm, Seyfarth Shaw is the ideal home to offer superior service to my clients and further the growth of my practice,” said Newton. “I look forward to working with my new colleagues in Houston and throughout the firm.”

Newton received his undergraduate degree from Texas A&M University and his J.D. (*cum laude*) from the University of Houston Law Center. He earned his LL.M. in Taxation (*with distinction*) from the Georgetown University Law Center. Newton is admitted to practice law in Texas.

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