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**Seyfarth Shaw Welcomes Jack D. Todd as Partner and Kevin T. Brown as Of Counsel in the Atlanta Office**

Atlanta, GA (August 24, 2009)—Seyfarth Shaw LLP, one of America's leading full-service law firms, today announced that Jack D. Todd and Kevin T. Brown have joined the firm's Atlanta office. Todd joins as a partner in the Intellectual Property Practice Group. Brown joins as of counsel in the Corporate & Finance Practice Group. Prior to joining Seyfarth Shaw, Todd was a partner at Morris, Manning & Martin LLP. Brown was previously a partner at Sell & Melton LLP (Macon, GA).

Todd's practice concentrates on patent and trademark prosecution, strategic counseling, enforcement and protection of IP, transactional, licensing, opinion, and clearance. He has specific patent experience with electrical and electronic systems, computer networks and architecture, software, financial digital security, computer-implemented business methods, medical devices, and mechanical and general system arts. Todd represents numerous U.S. and international clients for patent and trademark matters in a wide range of industries.

Brown's practice focuses on representing governmental issuers of securities and private borrowers in conduit incentive financing transactions; general state and local government representation; ad valorem taxation; corporate transactions relating to public/private partnerships, and related real estate matters.

"Jack brings a valuable perspective to our patent practice and IP group generally, given his extensive experience in virtually all aspects of intellectual property law," said Brian L. Michaelis, Chair of Seyfarth Shaw's Intellectual Property Practice Group. "His practice greatly complements our existing IP work in Atlanta, nationally, and internationally."

"Kevin's strong background in structured finance, bond finance, and public-private partnerships is an excellent addition to our growing corporate platform in Atlanta," said Allan J. Reich, Chair of Seyfarth Shaw's Corporate & Finance Practice Group. "We welcome his arrival to our team and look forward to his contributions to our practice across the firm."

The Intellectual Property Practice Group at Seyfarth Shaw offers clients powerful protection for their most valuable assets. Backed by the resources of one of the nation's premier law firms, the group's veteran team of attorneys represents a diverse roster of clients—from *Fortune* 500 and multinational corporations to fast-growing start-ups. With broad experience in all areas of intellectual property law, the Seyfarth Shaw Intellectual Property Practice Group is a full-service partner that helps clients identify and secure their intellectual property rights, exploit them in the marketplace and enforce or defend them anywhere a client does business.

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.

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“We are thrilled to welcome Jack and Kevin to our Atlanta office,” said Paul P. Mattingly, Managing Partner of Seyfarth Shaw’s Atlanta office. “Jack’s patent experience complements our national depth in that area. Kevin will work closely with Daniel McRae, a corporate and finance partner in our Atlanta office, to continue to expand our ability to help clients partner with municipalities to grow in the Southeast. Both attorneys bring a wealth of experience and further enhance our goal of growing the Atlanta office with quality attorneys who bring insight and experience with them and who share the premium we place on teamwork.”

The Atlanta office opened in 1996 and is regularly a leader in associate and employee satisfaction surveys. The office was recently recognized in the *Atlanta Business Chronicle* for being the third fastest growing Atlanta law firm in terms of revenue over the last five years. As a reflection of this growth, the Atlanta office will be moving from its current 50,000 square-foot of space to a new location with 82,000 square-foot that will be able to accommodate 130 attorneys. The office is well represented in the 2009 edition of *Chambers USA: America’s Leading Lawyers for Business* rankings of law firms, fielding three ranked practice groups (Immigration, Labor & Employment, and Real Estate) and nine individually ranked attorneys (Construction, Environment, Immigration, Intellectual Property, Labor & Employment, Litigation, and Real Estate).

“I am delighted to join Seyfarth Shaw in Atlanta,” said Todd. “I’m very impressed with the firm’s deep bench and robust national IP practice, and I look forward to working with my new colleagues firm wide.”

“I have worked closely with the Seyfarth Shaw team for many years,” said Brown. “Joining their team is a natural fit and I’m excited about the opportunities it provides to expand what we can do for our clients.”

Todd earned his B.E.E. in Electrical Engineering (with highest honors) from the Georgia Institute of Technology and his J.D. from Duke University School of Law. Todd is admitted to practice law in Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina, and is a registered U.S. Patent Attorney.

Brown received his B.B.A. from Mercer University and his J.D. from Mercer University Walter F. George School of Law.

Seyfarth Shaw has over 750 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](http://www.seyfarth.com).

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