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**Brian L. Michaelis Appointed Chair of Seyfarth Shaw's Intellectual Property Practice Group**

Boston, MA (January 14, 2009)—Seyfarth Shaw LLP, one of America's leading full-service law firms, announced today that Brian L. Michaelis, a partner based in the firm's Boston office, has been appointed Chair of the firm's Intellectual Property Practice Group. Michaelis' practice concentrates in all areas of intellectual property law and technology business practice, including intellectual property litigation and counseling, and validity and infringement analysis.

"Brian has been a leader in our Intellectual Property practice group and is well respected by his peers in the field," said Michael R. Levinson, Chair of Seyfarth Shaw's Litigation Department which houses the Intellectual Property Practice Group. "Brian takes the reins from Alan Unikel and Chris Larkin whom we thank for their leadership over the course of the past several years. We are grateful to Alan and Chris for their contributions and look forward to working with Brian to build upon the solid foundation he's inherited from them."

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.

"I'm privileged to work with some of the most knowledgeable IP lawyers in the country who are intimately familiar with the intricacies of the law as it relates to our clients across nearly every industry sector," stated Michaelis. "It's an honor to lead this practice group and leverage the tremendous opportunities we have as businesses seek means to protect and exploit their intellectual property in the marketplace."

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