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Seyfarth Shaw Welcomes David G. Williams to Atlanta Office as Partner in the Firm's Real Estate Practice Group

Atlanta, GA (March 13, 2008)—Seyfarth Shaw LLP, one of America's leading full service law firms, today announced that David G. Williams has joined the firm's Atlanta office as a partner in its Real Estate Practice Group. Williams had been a partner with King & Spalding in their Atlanta office.

Williams has extensive experience in a wide variety of complex real estate transactions. He represents international, national and local clients in connection with acquisitions, dispositions, secured financings and joint ventures. Williams' clients range from local developers to large national and international real estate funds and REITs. He also works with clients to form partnerships and limited liability companies to serve as vehicles for the financing, development and management of real estate assets.

"David has strong experience representing real estate funds in acquiring and selling their portfolios," said Mark A. Block, Chair of Seyfarth Shaw's Real Estate Practice Group. "In addition to his work with real estate funds, David has handled complex deals for national and regional office and shopping center developers, as well as local developers, lenders and borrowers."

Seyfarth Shaw's real estate attorneys counsel individuals, corporations and other business entities to maximize the value and return on their real estate investments and assets. The firm's national footprint, extensive business and legal networks, and broad array of legal services, allows the firm to provide comprehensive legal advice and assistance to its clients. Real Estate Practice Group attorneys help clients identify emerging opportunities and challenges, and develop forward-looking strategies to meet their short- and long-term goals.

"We are very pleased to welcome David to our team of attorneys in Atlanta," said Paul Mattingly, Managing Partner of the firm's Atlanta office. "David further strengthens our ability to serve the needs of our institutional real estate clients and developers. Equally important to us, he is a great personality fit with our firm, and is very committed to training and mentoring more junior lawyers."

Williams was educated in Great Britain at New College, Oxford University, where he received his undergraduate degree in French and German. Williams earned his J. D. at the University of Chicago Law School, and is admitted to practice law in Georgia and Illinois (inactive). He is a member of the British American Business Group, the State Bar of Georgia and the American Bar Association.

"I am delighted to join Seyfarth Shaw's thriving real estate practice group and look forward to working with my colleagues throughout the firm," said Williams. "Seyfarth Shaw's strong presence in Atlanta demonstrates our commitment to this market and strengthens the quality of service that my clients need and expect."

Seyfarth Shaw has over 750 attorneys located in nine offices throughout the United States including Chicago, New York, Boston, Washington D.C., Atlanta, Houston, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Sacramento, as well as Brussels, Belgium. The firm provides a broad range of legal services in the areas of real estate, labor and employment, employee benefits, litigation and business services. Seyfarth Shaw's practice reflects virtually every industry and segment of the country's business and social fabric. Clients include over 200 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.

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