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**Seyfarth Shaw Welcomes Michael F. Marino, III as Partner in the Firm's Labor & Employment Department in New York**

New York, NY (April 14, 2009)—Seyfarth Shaw LLP, one of America's leading full-service law firms, today announced that Michael F. Marino, III has joined the firm's Labor & Employment Department as a partner in the New York office. He was previously a partner at Hunton & Williams LLP.

Marino is a labor lawyer. His practice focuses on labor and employment law, complex civil litigation, and sports marketing and entertainment law. He has tried numerous labor and employment law and civil jury cases in federal courts and administrative hearings throughout the United States. Additionally, he has served as lead counsel defending class action lawsuits involving allegations of wrongful discharge, discrimination, misclassification, and various other violations of wage and hour laws, nationwide, and in California. Marino has successfully argued in several United States Courts of Appeal, including reversing an NLRB decision in the Fourth Circuit, and reversal of an adverse jury verdict in the Ninth Circuit. He also prevailed in the United States Supreme Court, reversing an adverse jury verdict. He counsels and represents global companies and executives on employment issues, drafts executive employment agreements, and serves as chief negotiator in collective bargaining negotiations across the country in manufacturing, aerospace, and service industries, with a wide variety of international unions.

"We are excited by the addition of yet another talented labor and employment partner to our firm. Mike's employment litigation experience coupled with his deep roots in traditional labor law will be a strong asset to our group as there continues to be a growing demand for these services, particularly in the face of a new administration and an increase in employment-related legislation," said Jeremy P. Sherman, Chair of Seyfarth Shaw's Labor & Employment Department. "He is an excellent enhancement to our fast-growing New York office and we're delighted to begin working with him."

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.

"In addition to deep traditional labor law and general employment law experience, Mike's representation of prestigious resort and hotel clients adds to our exceptional hotel industry expertise," said Lorie E. Almon, Co-Managing Partner of Seyfarth Shaw's New York office. "Mike shares our emphasis on a team-based approach to efficient, top-tier client representation, and we look forward to his contributions at the firm both in the New York office and nationally."

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.

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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.

Marino received his J.D. from Syracuse University College of Law where he was a member of the Justinian Honorary Law Society. He earned his LL.M from Georgetown University Law Center in Labor Law and his B.S. from Cornell University School of Industrial and Labor Relations. He is admitted to the New York, Virginia and District of Columbia Bars. Marino served as the past Chairman of the Virginia Bar Association's Labor and Employment Law Section. He also served as a captain in the United States Marine Corp, and as special Assistant to the General Counsel of the Navy. He is admitted to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second, Fourth, Ninth and Eleventh Circuits.

“With a deep bench and national breadth, it was clear that Seyfarth was the ideal home for me to best serve my clients and expand my practice,” said Marino. “I’m thrilled to be joining the expanding New York office of Seyfarth and look forward to working with my colleagues throughout the firm.”

Seyfarth Shaw has over 775 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. 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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