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Seyfarth Shaw withdraws from *lus Laboris*

Chicago, IL (October 1, 2008)—Seyfarth Shaw LLP, one of America’s leading full-service law firms, has formally announced today that it has withdrawn from *lus Laboris*, an international alliance of Human Resources law practitioners.

“Seyfarth Shaw is committed to delivering top-quality international legal services to our clients,” said Jeremy P. Sherman, Chair of the firm’s Labor and Employment Department. “We have enjoyed our involvement in *lus Laboris* and we hold our friends there in the very highest regard and wish them continued success. Unlike other firms in the network, Seyfarth Shaw is a full-service firm. For that reason, we have taken this step to partner with a range of firms across different practice areas around the world. In that way, we are best positioned to provide our clients with the services they call upon us to perform.”

The recruitment of some key lateral partners over the last two years, including the Chair of the firm’s International Labor and Employment Practice Group, Darren Gardner and his team at the beginning of last year, has positioned Seyfarth Shaw to meet its clients’ international needs in-house. The integration of the firm’s international practice has enabled Seyfarth Shaw to deliver clients high quality, cost effective and timely legal services.

“Our involvement in *lus Laboris* enabled Seyfarth Shaw to assist our clients with their international work in the absence of having our own dedicated internal capability,” Gardner said. “We intend to take further advantage of our premier market position in the U.S. in key practice areas, especially in the international labor and employment space, to work with a broader range of foreign firms. Our withdrawal from *lus Laboris* reflects the next step in our firm’s evolution and development of our international service model.”

Seyfarth Shaw’s International Labor and Employment Practice Group has developed a formidable reputation both in the United States and abroad. The group’s attorneys have extensive experience assisting multi-national companies with the employment law aspects of large and high-profile, multi-jurisdictional transactions and projects, especially those of a strategic, commercial and compliance nature.

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 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 300 of the *Fortune* 500 companies, financial institutions, newspapers and other media, technology, 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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