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Seyfarth Shaw Welcomes Robert C. Stevens and Benjamin D. Briggs to Atlanta Office as Partners in the Labor & Employment Department

Atlanta, GA (July 6, 2009)—Seyfarth Shaw LLP, one of America's leading full-service law firms, today announced that Robert ("Bob") C. Stevens and Benjamin ("Ben") D. Briggs have joined the firm's Atlanta office as partners in the Labor & Employment Department. Prior to joining Seyfarth Shaw, both were partners at Troutman Sanders LLP.

Stevens brings over 12 years of experience representing public and privately held companies throughout the United States in employment-related litigation. He concentrates his practice on litigation and counseling matters involving employment discrimination, restrictive covenant, trade secret, and wage and hour issues. He has extensive litigation experience, having represented clients in bench and jury trials in state and federal tribunals and before administrative agencies. Outside the courtroom, Stevens regularly counsels clients in complying with federal and state employment laws and in litigation avoidance.

Briggs' practice focuses on a wide-variety of labor and employment matters arising under state and federal law. Areas of significant experience, include: representation of clients in employment discrimination cases, wage and hour litigation (including collective actions), OSHA matters, restrictive covenant and trade secret disputes, union campaigns, collective bargaining, unfair labor practice charges, whistleblower claims and agency proceedings. In addition, Briggs has significant experience providing training, advice and preventative counseling in all areas of labor and employment law.

"Bob and Ben are excellent additions to our deep bench of talented labor and employment attorneys in Atlanta," said Jeremy P. Sherman, Chair of Seyfarth Shaw's Labor & Employment Department. "Bob and Ben's arrival adds to the growing number of highly regarded and experienced employment litigators across the country who have been attracted this year to join Seyfarth's strong national employment department."

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.

"We are very excited to welcome Bob and Ben to our Atlanta office," said Paul P. Mattingly, Managing Partner of Seyfarth Shaw's Atlanta office. "They are both accomplished attorneys who share our firm's commitment to client service and teamwork; we look forward to their long careers at Seyfarth."

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-feet of space to a new location with 82,000

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square-feet 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 eight individually ranked attorneys (Construction, Environment, Immigration, Labor & Employment, Litigation, and Real Estate).

"Ben and I are delighted to join Seyfarth's esteemed national Labor & Employment Department," said Stevens. "We look forward to continuing to deliver high-quality service to our clients and drawing on the resources of our impressive new colleagues in Atlanta and throughout the firm."

Stevens earned his B.S. from the University of Alabama and his J.D. (*magna cum laude*) from the University of Alabama, where he wrote for the *Alabama Law Review* and was elected to the Order of the Coif. He was also a member of the Jessup International Moot Court Team and the Moot Court Board. He is a member of the American Bar Association's Labor and Employment Section, the Labor and Employment Law Section of the State Bar of Georgia, and the Atlanta Bar. Stevens is admitted to practice law in the state of Georgia.

Briggs received his B.B.A. from the University of Miami and his J.D. (with honors) from Georgia State University, where he was a member of the *Georgia State Law Review*. He is admitted to practice law in Georgia.

Seyfarth Shaw has over 775 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.

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