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Seyfarth Shaw Attorney Laura J. Maechtlen Elected President of National Lesbian and Gay Law Association

San Francisco, CA (February 14, 2008)—Seyfarth Shaw LLP, one of America’s leading full service law firms, announced that Laura J. Maechtlen, an attorney with the Labor and Employment Department in the firm’s San Francisco office, has been elected President of the National Lesbian and Gay Law Association.

The National Lesbian and Gay Law Association is a national association of lawyers, judges and other legal professionals, law students, activists, and affiliated lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender legal organizations. NLGLA promotes justice in and through the legal profession for the LGBT community in all its diversity and is the only national LGBT organization affiliated with the American Bar Association. The organization’s annual conference, Lavender Law, will celebrate its 20th anniversary this September in San Francisco.

“I look forward to deepening my work with and for the LGBT legal community as President of NLGLA,” said Maechtlen. “I will work closely with our Executive Director and my fellow board members to implement our newly adopted, multi-year strategic plan, which includes reaching out to LGBT legal professionals of color and to provide better services and programs to our diverse community of LGBT legal practitioners.”

Prior to being elected President, Maechtlen previously chaired NGLA’s membership committee. Maechtlen’s legal practice at Seyfarth Shaw includes representing management in the litigation of various labor and employment matters, including wage and hour, wrongful termination, employment discrimination, sexual harassment, traditional labor law, as well as other labor and employment law issues. She has represented clients before California state and federal courts, the Agricultural Labor Relations Board, the National Labor Relations Board, the California Labor Commissioner and other various state administrative agencies.

“Laura is a skilled litigator and a stalwart advocate for her clients, as well as an implacable advocate for LGBT people in the legal profession,” said Jeremy P. Sherman, Chair of the firm’s national Labor and Employment Department.

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