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Former Pharmacia General Counsel Richard T. Collier Joins Morgan Lewis
Addition Boosts Firm's Life Sciences Practice Group and Pharma/Biotechnology Client Service Capabilities

PHILADELPHIA, October 6, 2003 – Morgan Lewis, one of the ten largest U.S. law firms, today announced that **Richard T. Collier**, former Senior Vice President and General Counsel of Pharmacia Corporation, will join its Life Sciences Practice Group, one of the most comprehensive life science practices of any U.S. law firm including more than 175 lawyers, scientists and other technical specialists who focus on the life sciences industry.

In his previous role as General Counsel of Pharmacia, a top-tier global pharmaceutical company, Mr. Collier was a key member of its senior management team. He played an important role in the success of the company's landmark merger with Pfizer Inc. (NYSE: PFE) in April 2003. The merger's successful completion, in which Morgan Lewis attorneys served as lead antitrust counsel for Pharmacia on U.S. antitrust issues, resulted in combined annual revenues for both companies of approximately \$48 billion in 2002, and a stock-for-stock transaction that was valued in excess of \$60 billion, making it the largest merger transaction announced in 2002.

"We are pleased to welcome Rick to the firm after such a distinguished career as senior counsel to some of the industry's leading pharmaceutical companies," said Morgan Lewis Chairman, Francis M. Milone. "Rick brings a wealth of pharma/biotech experience and industry perspective to the firm, including a deep understanding of the pharmaceutical/biotechnology business and its long and short term strategies and challenges."

Prior to Pharmacia, Mr. Collier served as Senior Vice President and General Counsel at Rhône-Poulenc Rorer, a global pharmaceutical company (now Aventis), where he was responsible for the global management of the company's legal issues.

“With relationships developed from his many years at Pharmacia and Rhône-Poulenc Rorer, Rick is uniquely equipped to assist Morgan Lewis clients with strategic business advice and legal assistance in the life sciences industry,” said Stephen Paul Mahinka, Chairman of the Life Sciences Practice Group. “We are certain that our biotech clients in particular will greatly benefit from Rick’s experience and understanding of how large pharmaceutical companies operate.”

As Senior Counsel in the Morgan Lewis Life Sciences Practice Group, Mr. Collier will be responsible for assisting the firm’s clients in their business transactions and planning needs, as well as assisting in the development of new and existing client relationships.

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