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MORGAN LEWIS ADDS LEADING EMPLOYEE BENEFITS LITIGATOR IN PHILADELPHIA OFFICE

Philadelphia, August 5, 2002 - Brian T. Ortelere, a leading employee benefits litigator, has joined the Labor & Employment Law Practice Group of Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP, one of the nation's 10 largest law firms, as a partner resident in the firm's Philadelphia office. Mr. Ortelere's practice covers the full range of employee benefits litigation matters, including ERISA class actions.

Commenting on his decision to join Morgan Lewis, Mr. Ortelere said, "I am delighted to be joining Morgan Lewis. I view Morgan Lewis as a key player nationally in the ERISA litigation area. With the vast resources that Morgan Lewis offers, I will be better able to serve my clients."

"We are excited to have Brian join us," said Steven R. Wall, Deputy Manager of the Labor and Employment Law Practice Group. "Brian is one of the handful of lawyers across the country who can handle the most complex ERISA litigation matters. He is an excellent addition to our practice group."

Howard L. Meyers, managing partner of the Philadelphia office, said, "Brian adds a key dimension to our ERISA and employee benefits practice that will be of substantial interest to our corporate clients around the country."

Mr. Ortelere graduated *magna cum laude* from Muhlenberg College, and received his JD from the College of William and Mary. He clerked for The Honorable William D. Hutchinson, on both the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania and the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Mr. Ortelere is a prolific writer, currently serving as a contributing author to *Living with Defined Contribution Plans* and BNA's ERISA Compliance & Enforcement Library. He regularly speaks on benefits topics before various organizations, including the Employment Law Institute, the Law Education

Institute, the Glasser ERISA Litigation Conference and the Pension Research Council of the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

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