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Morgan Lewis Adds Noted Litigator to its National White Collar Practice

Philadelphia, PA – June 18, 2007: Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP is pleased to announce that Eric W. Sitarchuk, former federal prosecutor and trial lawyer, has joined the firm's national White Collar Practice as a partner. Mr. Sitarchuk will be a member of the firm's Litigation Practice and will be resident in the firm's Philadelphia office.

Mr. Sitarchuk comes to Morgan Lewis from Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll LLP, where he was head of that firm's White Collar Litigation Group. He joins one of the largest national corporate investigations and white collar practices with significant teams in major geographic areas, including Philadelphia, New York, Washington, D.C., San Francisco, and Los Angeles. Comprised of many former federal prosecutors, the White Collar Practice also includes three former members of the Enron task force.

"Companies face great challenges as the traditional boundaries of criminal and civil enforcement continue to expand," said James D. Pagliaro, leader of the Litigation Practice at Morgan Lewis. "Eric is one of the most prominent and well-respected members of the white collar bar in this area. He adds significant experience, depth, and expertise to our already thriving white collar practice, and further enhances our ability to offer leadership and experience to our clients across many industries," he continued.

Mr. Sitarchuk has defended securities violations, healthcare fraud, clinical research fraud, import/export violations, technology transfer, theft of trade secrets, defense contract fraud, money laundering, official corruption, tax fraud, environmental violations, Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) violations, and a variety of other matters.

In addition to handling traditional white collar criminal defense, Mr. Sitarchuk defends related civil litigation, including Civil False Claims Act matters and antitrust class actions.

“Morgan Lewis’s diverse team is unique for its size, depth of bench strength, and range of industry expertise,” said Mr. Sitarchuk. “The firm provides a broad platform to focus on cross-practice group efforts, and to expand capabilities for clients,” he continued.

Mr. Sitarchuk’s practice also includes representing clients in high-profile government investigations. He has successfully persuaded prosecutors to close investigations without taking action on behalf of prominent lawyers, executives, public officials, and Fortune 500 companies and other institutions. Mr. Sitarchuk also counsels clients, including boards, audit committees, and management, on the development and implementation of internal compliance and ethics programs, the conduct of internal investigations, and Sarbanes-Oxley issues.

Eric Sitarchuk graduated cum laude from Franklin & Marshall College in 1979. He graduated with high honors from George Washington University Law School in 1983, where he was a member of the *George Washington Law Review* and the Order of the Coif. Following law school, Mr. Sitarchuk was a law clerk for the Honorable Bruce S. Mencher of the District of Columbia Superior Court. He is a faculty member of the Department of Justice Office of Continuing Legal Education.