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Morgan Lewis Partners Re-Elect Francis M. Milone Chair of the Firm

PHILADELPHIA, PA, April 9, 2009: Morgan Lewis today announced that the firm's partners have re-elected Francis M. Milone, chair of the firm, for another five-year term, commencing on October 1, 2009. Mr. Milone has been chair of the firm since 1999, a period of strategic growth for Morgan Lewis. Under his leadership, the firm has significantly expanded its national and global presence and redoubled its commitment to client service, pro bono, and diversity—three hallmarks of its history and culture.

"At a time of unprecedented change in the world economy, I am honored to have received this vote of confidence from my partners," said Mr. Milone. "It is a pleasure to work with a deeply talented group of lawyers and staff whose commitment to excellence and ability to adapt to change enables us to consistently provide outstanding client service."

Over the past decade, Morgan Lewis has grown to more than 1,400 attorneys. With historic depth on the both the East and West Coasts, a growing prominence in Texas and the Central U.S., and a continued commitment to Europe and Asia, the firm has expanded to meet the complex demands of clients with global needs. The firm continues to strategically add partners whose experience will benefit clients who depend on its counsel as they adapt to evolving regulations and new business opportunities. In addition, the firm remains committed to investing in the types of programs that exemplify its culture. For instance, as a result of the chair's personal challenge to each attorney, the firm's total pro bono hours have more than tripled since 2005 and virtually every lawyer in the firm is substantively engaged with a pro bono matter.

"The partners agreed Fran has the vision, respect, stature, experience, and knowledge to lead the firm for the next five years," said the Nominating Committee in a memo to staff yesterday. "We are confident in Fran's leadership and ability to make strategic decisions that benefit our clients and the firm."

Mr. Milone joined the firm in 1977 as an associate and was elected to the partnership in 1981. He is a nationally known labor and employment lawyer with experience handling jury and nonjury trials. He served as manager of the Labor and Employment Practice from 1995 to 1997, served on the firm's Governing Board, and served as the firm's Managing Partner from 1997 until his election as chair in 1999.

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