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**Morgan Lewis Continues to Build U.S. Supreme Court and Appellate Practice**

*Former Law Clerk to Justice Sandra Day O'Connor Joins Former Texas Solicitor General at Firm's Growing Houston Office*

HOUSTON, September 25, 2008: As the Houston area got back to business following Hurricane Ike, Morgan Lewis announced that another leading appellate litigator has joined its rapidly expanding team in Texas. Allyson Ho, a former law clerk to Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, joined the firm's growing U.S. Supreme Court and national appellate practice. Morgan Lewis has more than tripled its Texas presence over the past year, drawing such notable talent as the state's former Solicitor General, Ted Cruz.

Ms. Ho has successfully litigated trial and appellate matters in state and federal courts—including as lead counsel before the U.S. Supreme Court—covering a wide variety of issues, including federal preemption, antitrust, and punitive damages. She most recently worked at an international law firm in its Appellate Litigation Practice. Before that, she held senior positions in both the White House and the U.S. Department of Justice, serving as special assistant to the President for domestic policy and as counselor to the Attorney General.

Ms. Ho was recently appointed to the Texas Judicial Council by Governor Rick Perry. In addition to her experience at the U.S. Supreme Court, she served as a law clerk to Judge Jacques L. Wiener Jr. of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

"Allyson has earned a reputation as a rising star, with the kind of judgment and skills that lead to success before the highest courts," said the leader of the firm's Litigation Practice, Jim Pagliaro. "Allyson is a leader in Texas and nationally, and we are excited to welcome her as an integral part of our growing national appellate team."

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