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General Counsel of Maersk Returns to Morgan Lewis

WASHINGTON, D.C., January 5, 2009: Morgan Lewis today announced that Charles P. “Chuck” O’Connor—who served as the general counsel for Maersk Inc. for the past five years—has returned to the firm as senior counsel, resident in the Washington, D.C. office. Prior to his tenure at Maersk, Mr. O’Connor was a partner at Morgan Lewis from 1968 through 2003, where he held a number of leadership positions.

As he planned to retire from Morgan Lewis in 2003, Mr. O’Connor instead accepted a temporary assignment—at the request of a firm client—to serve as general counsel for Maersk Inc., the U.S. subsidiary of AP Moller-Maersk of Denmark. AP Moller-Maersk operates the largest container shipping fleet in the world and is the third-largest marine terminal operator worldwide. The company has a substantial presence in shipbuilding, offshore oil platform construction, oil exploration, and drilling operations in the North Sea, Qatar, and the U.S. Gulf Coast.

“We are thrilled to welcome Chuck back to the firm,” noted Steven R. Wall, Leader of the firm’s Labor and Employment Practice. “We are particularly excited about the international experience and in-house perspective he has gained while at Maersk.”

Mr. O’Connor’s return to Morgan Lewis will further broaden the firm’s nationally-recognized labor and employment capabilities—which have made Morgan Lewis a Winner or Finalist in every *American Lawyer* magazine “Litigation Department of the Year” competition since 2004. With a strong presence on both coasts and a solid team in the Central U.S., Morgan Lewis’s Labor and Employment group counsels and represents Fortune 500 companies across a broad array of labor and employment matters.

Prior to his career in the private sector, Mr. O’Connor served on the staff of the general counsel of the National Labor Relations Board. His practice covers the spectrum of labor and employment matters, with a particular emphasis on the collective bargaining process, labor relations, and employee benefits issues. He has litigated general labor, labor relations, and benefits matters, principally before the NLRB, the Department of Labor, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, federal courts, and arbitration panels. Mr. O’Connor also has represented clients before congressional committees and various state legislative committees. In addition, he counsels clients in labor and personnel matters related to the sale and acquisition of ongoing business entities.

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