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**MORGAN LEWIS EXPANDS COAST-TO-COAST LABOR, EMPLOYMENT AND
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS PRESENCE BY ADDING
VETERAN ATTORNEYS IN CHICAGO, SAN FRANCISCO**

PHILADELPHIA – July 7, 2004 – Morgan Lewis announced today sizeable expansions of its labor, employment and employee benefits practice in Chicago and San Francisco.

In Chicago, where Morgan Lewis established its first Midwest office less than one year ago, highly-rated attorneys Nina G. Stillman and Barry A. Hartstein have joined Morgan Lewis' new Chicago-based labor, employment and employee benefits practice. Ms. Stillman and Mr. Hartstein bring with them decades of experience representing and counseling top-tier clients on significant employment and human resource issues and litigation.

In San Francisco, where Morgan Lewis opened an office less than two years ago, nationally-known attorneys D. Ward Kallstrom and Nicole Diller join Morgan Lewis' San Francisco-based labor, employment and employee benefits practice. Mr. Kallstrom and Ms. Diller bring to this practice market-leading expertise in employee benefits, including fiduciary counseling and litigation on behalf of employers, pension and welfare benefit plans and plan administrators. They provide a strong and deep bi-coastal reach to Morgan Lewis' nationally-recognized employee benefits litigation practice.

“We're very pleased that these outstanding legal veterans have decided to join Morgan Lewis,” said the firm's Chair, Francis M. Milone. “Our labor, employment and employee benefits practice has long been recognized as a national leader in rank and scope. With the addition of outstanding talent from key national firms in Chicago and San Francisco, we are able to integrate these individuals' legal experience and market expertise into what has become a ‘practice

without borders,' addressing the full spectrum of labor, employment and employee benefits challenges faced by our clients," said Mr. Milone.

Adds Steven R. Wall, Leader of Morgan Lewis' labor, employment law, and ERISA litigation practice, "The addition of these exceptional attorneys dramatically strengthens Morgan Lewis' labor, employment and employee benefits capabilities in the Midwest and West Coast and significantly increases our presence on the ground."

The Morgan Lewis Labor & Employment Law practice includes more than 225 labor, employment and employee benefits attorneys across offices, and provides comprehensive human resource legal services. In January 2004, Morgan Lewis was named the only finalist in *The American Lawyer's* Litigation Department of the Year competition for labor and employment practices.

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