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**HARRIS WINICK LLP EXPANDS BY ADDING HIGHLY REGARDED TAX
CONTROVERSY LEGAL TEAM**

A pair of nationally prominent senior tax partners from Neal, Gerber & Eisenberg LLP have joined Harris Winick LLP to form the Firm's new Tax Controversy and Tax Planning practice group. With a combined 60+ years of legal experience, Ken Harris and Bob Bedore will collaborate, as they have for the past 14 years, to provide the highest quality tax counsel and advice to their clients both in tax controversy and tax planning matters. The Firm will now be called **Harris Winick Harris LLP**.

"We are very excited to have attracted my twin brother Ken and Bob Bedore to the firm," said Bob Harris, the Firm's co-founder who focuses his practice on a wide variety of complex construction and commercial litigation for public and private companies and prominent individuals. "Through this partnership, we will significantly boost our capabilities and establish a sophisticated tax practice to complement our national practice in the areas of complex commercial and construction litigation, construction transactions and insurance coverage and recovery work."

Ken Harris' practice involves representation of corporations, individuals, trusts and estates throughout the entire tax controversy process. Ken, who is the co-author of the *Standards of Tax Practice (6th ed. 2004)*, a leading treatise in the field of tax ethics, and also an adjunct professor at Northwestern University Law School, has been engaged on numerous occasions to provide consulting and expert witness services in tax-related litigation matters. Ken also has extensive experience in structuring, negotiating and implementing tax efficient solutions for his clients' transactional and general business needs.

Bob Bedore is a tax controversy lawyer with over thirty years of experience representing both business and individual taxpayers, including large multinational public and privately-held companies subject to the IRS Large Business and International examination program. His competencies run the gamut, from audit through administrative appeals and post-appeals mediation of contested tax disputes, and at trial when tax litigation becomes necessary. Bob, who is a former IRS senior trial attorney with the Office of Chief Counsel and a Certified Public Accountant, is also an adjunct professor of law at Loyola University Law School.

"Our controversy experience permits us to represent both major corporations and high net worth individuals, joint ventures and privately held businesses in a wide range of tax disputes. We also have broad experience in transactional matters," said Ken Harris. "Our tax practice is defined by a combined expertise in navigating IRS practice and procedure and a deep understanding of the

technical tax law. We are not simply a firm of tax technicians; we are, first and foremost, problem solvers.”

About Harris Winick Harris LLP

Harris Winick Harris LLP is a leading boutique litigation firm, handling sophisticated construction and general commercial litigation matters throughout the United States. With the addition of the tax controversy and tax planning practice, Harris Winick Harris has enhanced its ability to provide the high quality legal services upon which it has built its reputation. The Firm is committed to efficient management of all phases of litigation, from initial case assessment through trial and appeal. The Firm has litigated a broad range of cases on behalf of large sophisticated individual and business clients throughout the United States including complex breach of contract disputes, insurance coverage disputes, construction disputes, intellectual property and other claims. Harris Winick Harris also provides ongoing transactional representation for many of its clients. The Firm's attorneys have achieved notable recognition within the legal community including being distinguished for inclusion in publications such as the Best Lawyers in America™, the Leading Lawyers Network (recognizing the top 5% of lawyers in Illinois), Chambers USA Guide, the Legal 500, Super Lawyers and Martindale Hubbell (achieving the highest rating of "AV").

More information about the firm can be found on its website: www.hwhlegal.com.

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