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The law firm of Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP is pleased to announce that it has named eight new partners to the firm.

The new partners, by office, include:

Columbus:Alycia N. Broz- Ms. Broz is a member of the litigation practice group. She defends companies, individuals and universities in a wide variety of litigation matters. She has experience in commercial, employment, class action and civil rights litigation. Ms. Broz has tried cases in the United States District Court for the Northern and Southern District of Ohio and has argued before the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. She serves on the Board of Trustees for the YWCA Columbus and was a member of the Leadership Columbus Class of 2008.

Perry W. Doran II- Mr. Doran is a member of the litigation practice group. He represents plaintiffs and defendants in state and federal proceedings across a number of different disciplines. Mr. Doran has extensive experience in personal injury, premises liability and product liability litigation, as well as commercial, construction and insurance related litigation. He has represented individuals and estates in wrongful death and catastrophic injury cases, defended manufacturers in toxic tort, chemical exposure and asbestos cases, and defended manufacturers of modular buildings and nationwide home builders in fire, property damage and construction cases.

Peter A. Lusenhop- Mr. Lusenhop is a member of the health care and litigation practice groups. His practice focuses on health care litigation, commercial disputes, product liability, toxic tort defense, and personal injury matters for both plaintiffs and defendants. Mr. Lusenhop has significant experience defending health care providers in high profile licensure and compliance controversies, advocating for the rights of behavioral health care providers and patients, and prosecuting and defending the claims of Ohio businesses and individuals in courts throughout Ohio and across the nation.

Judith L. Marsh- Ms. Marsh is a member of the commercial and real estate practice group. She specializes in commercial and business law, with an emphasis on commercial finance, franchising and distribution law, real estate, and general commercial transactions. Ms. Marsh has represented borrowers and lenders in a wide range of financing transactions, franchisors in all aspects of the development of franchise systems, and manufacturers, distributors, suppliers, and sales agents in a variety of commercial relationships and transactions. Ms. Marsh was named an *Ohio Super Lawyers Rising Star* in Securities and Corporate Law from 2006 – 2008, and in Franchise/Dealership Law in 2009.

Cincinnati:Kent A. Britt- Mr. Britt is a member of the litigation practice group. He focuses his practice on business, commercial, employment, construction and insurance litigation. Mr. Britt also has extensive experience with competitive bidding issues and with litigation in the areas of directors' liability, products liability, legal malpractice defense, white collar crime,

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employment and will contests, in addition to being involved in numerous class action matters. He was named an *Ohio Super Lawyers Rising Star* in General Litigation from 2005-2007, and one of *The Best Lawyers in America* in Commercial Litigation in 2008 and 2009.

Jason L. Hodges- Mr. Hodges is a member of the corporate and finance practice group. He counsels clients on corporate governance, business formation and entity selection, mergers and acquisitions and general business matters, and has extensive experience in bank regulatory representation and securities law issues. He regularly advises publicly-traded companies on disclosure and reporting under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as well as compliance matters for banks and savings and loans. He also counsels both large and small private companies on corporate and business law matters. Mr. Hodges was named an *Ohio Super Lawyers Rising Star* in Business/Corporate Law in 2008.

Cleveland:Bryan J. Farkas- Mr. Farkas is a member of the bankruptcy and commercial and real estate practice groups. He primarily represents businesses and financial institutions in acquisitions, financings, bankruptcy proceedings, commercial litigation matters and real estate transactions. He also represents creditors, receivers and trustees in bankruptcy and other insolvency proceedings, and regularly counsels financial institutions in all aspects of creditors' rights' law. Mr. Farkas was named one of *The Best Lawyers in America* in Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights Law in 2009, and an *Ohio Super Lawyers Rising Star* in Business Litigation in 2005 and 2007.

Akron:Aaron S. Berke- Mr. Berke is a member of the corporate and finance practice group. He represents issuers, underwriters and conduit borrowers on tax-exempt and taxable security offerings and provides counsel to companies on complying with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and with NYSE and NASDAQ rules. He also provides counsel to a wide range of private companies on their corporate and transactional matters. Mr. Berke was named an *Ohio Super Lawyers Rising Star* in Bonds and Government Finance in 2005 and 2006.

"On behalf of the firm, I am excited to welcome our outstanding new partners," said Russell M. Gertmenian, Managing Partner of Vorys. "Each of our new partners has excelled in their areas of law, and in delivering the kind of client service that we value as a firm."