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Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease is pleased to announce that Rajeev K. Adlakha, Patrick M. Hagan, Joseph W. Harper, Megan L. Hoelle, Laura A. Kulwicki, Kenneth J. Rubin, Adam C. Sherman and Kristin L. Woeste have been named partners of the firm.

Adlakha is a member of the litigation group in the Vorys Cleveland office. His practice is focused on civil business litigation. Adlakha has experience in a wide range of complex commercial matters, including patent infringement, securities fraud, antitrust, technology standardization, commercial contract disputes, business torts, shareholder derivative actions, and claims under the bankruptcy code. He has advised clients in all stages of litigation and arbitration, from pre-suit and pretrial to trial and appeal. Adlakha received his J.D. *magna cum laude* from the New York University School of Law, where he was named a Pomeroy Scholar and was an articles editor of the *NYU Law Review*. He received his B.A. degree from Yale University.

Hagan is a member of the litigation group in the Vorys Cincinnati office. His practice includes complex civil litigation and corporate investigations. Hagan has particular experience representing clients in all phases of cases under the False Claims Act, including cases involving contracts with the Department of Energy and Department of Defense and cases involving alleged Medicare and Medicaid fraud. He received his J.D. *cum laude* from Harvard Law School and his B.A. with distinction from Cornell University where he was Phi Beta Kappa.

Harper is a member of the litigation group in the Vorys Cincinnati office. He practices in general litigation, with an emphasis on complex civil litigation and litigation under the federal False Claims Act. Harper has represented defense contractors and health care entities in False Claims Act litigation, and is also experienced in business litigation. He received his J.D. from Northwestern University School of Law where he was a John Henry Wigmore scholar. Harper received his B.S. in biology, *cum laude*, from the University of Cincinnati.

Hoelle is a member of the finance, energy and real estate group in the Vorys Cincinnati office. Her practice focuses on commercial lending, structured lending transactions and general real estate matters. She received her J.D. from the University of Cincinnati College of Law, where she was a member of the Order of the Coif and was the student articles editor of the *University of Cincinnati Law Review*. Ms. Hoelle received her B.B.A. *summa cum laude* from the University of Kentucky.

Kulwicki is a member of the tax group in the Vorys Akron office. Her practice emphasizes nexus matters, multistate and local tax planning, tax controversies and various legal matters related to unclaimed property/escheat. Kulwicki has successfully represented clients both in Ohio and on a multi-jurisdictional basis with respect to significant state tax disputes, negotiated favorable settlements with numerous state and local jurisdictions, and collaborated with clients to design transactional and organizational structures that help minimize or streamline state tax obligations. She received her J.D. from The Ohio State University Michael E. Moritz College of Law in 1987. She received her M.A. in Bioethics from the Case Western Reserve University and her B.A. from The Ohio State University.

Rubin is a member of the litigation group in the Vorys Columbus office. His practice is focused on antitrust law, counseling clients regarding price fixing, cartelization, international antitrust issues, and general litigation. Rubin has experience representing both plaintiffs and defendants in antitrust litigation, and has litigated a variety of antitrust issues under the Sherman, Clayton, and Robinson Patman Acts, including cases involving predatory pricing, price fixing, Walker Process, tying, group boycotts, monopsony, monopolization, corporate bribery, and issues involving the intersect of intellectual property and antitrust. He also has experience representing clients in intellectual property matters, including patent disputes, and has litigated a variety of cases under the Lanham Act and its state law corollaries. Rubin received his J.D. *summa cum laude* from The Ohio State University Michael E. Moritz College of Law where he was a member of the Order of the Coif and an articles editor for the *Ohio State Law Journal*. He received his B.S. from Northeastern University.

Sherman is a member of the litigation group in the Vorys Cincinnati office. He focuses his practice on commercial litigation, handling cases that involve contract disputes, dealer terminations, trade secrets, copyright, torts, privacy issues, the False Claims Act and fiduciary duties. Sherman represented multiple defendants in one of the largest patent infringement multidistrict litigation cases in history, which involved approximately 200 defendants and a portfolio of more than fifty patents in the field of automated call center technology relating to automated attendant, automated call distribution, voice response unit, computer telephone integration and speech recognition. He received his J.D. from the New York University School of Law and his B.A. with high honors from the University of Michigan.

Woeste is a member of the finance, energy and real estate group in the Vorys Cincinnati office. Her practice focuses on real estate financing transactions and general real estate matters. Woeste represents clients from all perspectives of the acquisition, financing, ownership, development and sale of office buildings, apartment projects, industrial facilities, senior living communities and other commercial properties. She represents both lenders and borrowers in financing transactions and workouts, purchasers and sellers in real estate transfers, and landlords and tenants in commercial leasing transactions. Her experience also includes counseling developers and investors in structuring the entities that own real estate assets. Woeste received her J.D. from the University of Cincinnati College of Law where she graduated as a member of the Order of the Coif and was editor-in-chief of the *University of Cincinnati Law Review*. She received her B.S. in Journalism from Ohio University as a graduate of the Honors Tutorial

College.

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