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Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease is pleased to announce the addition of four attorneys to the commercial, real estate and bankruptcy group in the Cincinnati office. Jeffrey A. Marks joined Vorys as a partner, Gail Glassmeyer Pryse joined as of counsel, Brian R. Hester joined as a staff attorney and Joel M. Lund joined as an associate.

"I'm excited to welcome these talented attorneys to the firm," said Nathaniel Lampley, managing partner of the Vorys Cincinnati office. "Their broad experiences in bankruptcy law, real estate law and finance law will strengthen the growing commercial and real estate practice in the firm's Cincinnati office."

Marks will lead the Cincinnati office's bankruptcy and creditors' rights practice. He has spent nearly 30 years in private practice concentrating in the areas of bankruptcy, Chapter 11 reorganizations, creditors' rights, and out-of-court workouts and debt restructurings. His recent engagements include representing lenders and agents in complex out-of-court workouts and Chapter 11 proceedings of retirement community borrowers in Ohio and several other states; lenders to hotel owners and manufacturers; an FDIC-assisted acquirer of assets from financial institutions in related bankruptcy proceedings; a multi-state real estate developer in an out-of court debt restructuring; a book publisher and member of the Borders Books Creditors' Committee; and television networks in bankruptcy proceedings of cable television operators and advertisers. He received his J.D. from the University of Cincinnati College of Law, where he served as the student articles editor for the *University of Cincinnati Law Review* and his B.A. from The Ohio State University. Prior to joining Vorys, Marks was a principal in the Cincinnati office of Squire Sanders.

Pryse has more than 20 years experience in real estate and title insurance matters. Her practice includes counseling borrowers and lenders in intricate asset-based transactions, commercial real estate acquisitions, sales, loan financings, loan defeasances, leases and easements. Pryse teaches modern real estate transactions as an adjunct professor at the Northern Kentucky University-Chase College of Law. She received her J.D. *cum laude* from the University of Notre

Dame Law School and her B.S. *cum laude* from Miami University. Pryse spent 22 years at the Cincinnati law firm Keating Muething & Klekamp PLL, 13 years as a partner. Prior to joining Vorys, she was counsel in the Cincinnati office of Ulmer & Berne LLP.

Hester represents lenders in the Federal Housing Administration insured financings of loans for new construction, purchase and refinancing of projects. He received his J.D. from the University of Cincinnati College of Law, where he served as the executive director of the Moot Court Honor Board. Hester received his B.A. from Miami University. Prior to joining Vorys, Hester was an associate attorney in J. Hollingsworth and Associates Law Office, located in Dayton.

Lund's practice focuses structuring, devising, negotiating and documenting a broad range of finance transactions. He received his J.D. *cum laude* from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, where he was a staff member of the *Ohio State Journal of Criminal Law*. Lund received his B.S. from Brigham Young University. Prior to joining Vorys, Lund served as legal fellow with Fifth Third Bank in Cincinnati.

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