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**HARTER SECREST & EMERY ELECTS
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Rochester, New York, January 1, 2019 – Harter Secret & Emery LLP, a full-service business law firm with offices throughout New York, is pleased to announce that John W. Brill (Jack) and Luke P. Wright have been elected partners in the firm.

“Jack and Luke have established themselves as thought leaders and trusted advisors for businesses in their respective fields of practice,” said Craig S. Wittlin, Harter Secret & Emery Managing Partner. “As attorneys and as colleagues, they are incredible stewards of our firm’s culture and they reflect the values upon which Harter Secret & Emery was established 125 years ago. We are happy to welcome them to our partnership.”

Brill is a member of the firm’s [Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation](#) practice group. He works with clients on welfare benefits plan design and documentation, employee communications, wellness programs, and on a wide range of other welfare plan issues, including compliance with the Internal Revenue Code, ERISA, HIPAA, GINA, and Mental Health Parity. Brill joined Harter Secret & Emery in 2009 and, since 2012, has been a contributing author to the Employee Benefits Institute of America manual on Self-Insured Health Plans.

A *magna cum laude* graduate of both the University of Notre Dame and Notre Dame Law School, Brill was selected for inclusion on the 2018 *Upstate New York Rising Stars* list by *Super Lawyers*®.

A member of Harter Secret & Emery’s [Labor and Employment](#) practice, Wright counsels clients on a range of labor and employment issues, including management of family and medical leave and accommodation issues, navigation of difficult separations and transitions, and development of employment policies and programs that ensure compliance with applicable laws and avoid potential issues

down the road. He also represents employers in agency charges as well as in federal and state labor and employment litigation, including cases involving allegations of discrimination or harassment, wage and hour law compliance, non-competition agreements, family and medical leave issues, and the National Labor Relations Act. Wright is a regular speaker, presenter, and author on topics related to recent developments in employment law.

Wright was a recipient of the “Up and Coming Attorneys” Award from *The Daily Record* in 2016 and was previously named to the *Upstate New York Rising Stars* list by *Super Lawyers*[®]. He is a graduate of Cornell University and received his law degree, *cum laude*, from the University of Richmond School of Law.

Harter Secrest & Emery has a nationally recognized [Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation](#) practice. The firm’s attorneys work with employers on a wide and varied range of employee benefit and executive compensation plans, assisting on some of the largest and most sophisticated plans in the country. Harter Secrest & Emery’s [Labor and Employment](#) attorneys advise clients on ways to meet their business needs in connection with all aspects of labor and employment law matters. They represent all types of employers in nearly every industry sector with clients ranging from private employers with employees in a traditional manufacturing environment, to municipalities and school districts with employees spread out in numerous locations, to public employers with thousands of traditional and “virtual” employees located across the United States.

About Harter Secrest & Emery LLP

Harter Secrest & Emery LLP is a full-service business law firm providing legal services to clients ranging from individuals and family-owned businesses to Fortune 100 companies and major regional institutions. With offices in Buffalo, Rochester, Albany, Corning, and New York City, New York, the firm is a recognized leader in litigation, corporate, employee benefits, environmental and land use, health care, higher education, immigration, Intellectual Property, labor and employment, real estate, and trusts and estates law. Harter Secrest & Emery has 35 *U.S. News - Best Lawyers* 2019 “Best Law Firms” top tier metropolitan practice group rankings—more Western New York rankings than any other law firm. The firm has been top ranked in *Chambers USA* for Corporate/M&A, Litigation, Immigration and Real Estate law and 45 attorneys are recognized as *The Best Lawyers in America*[®] for 2019. For more information visit www.hselaw.com.