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HARTER SECREST & EMERY ELECTS DIANA R. CLARKSON AND DANIEL W. COLLINS PARTNERS

Rochester, New York, January 1, 2020 – Harter Secrest & Emery LLP, a full-service business law firm with offices throughout New York, is pleased to announce that Diana R. Clarkson and Daniel W. Collins have been elected partners in the firm.

"We are very pleased to welcome Diana and Dan to the partnership," said Craig S. Wittlin, Harter Secrest & Emery Managing Partner. "Leadership in their respective practice areas and an unwavering dedication to serving HSE clients and our community make Diana and Dan ideal HSE partners who will enhance the firm's commitment to excellence."

Clarkson is a member of the firm's Tax and Trusts & Estates practice groups. She represents individuals and business owners in a variety of federal and state tax, business succession and wealth transfer and estate planning matters. She works with heads of privately-held business and private equity fund managers in addressing the full range of federal and state implications that relate to corporate formation, mergers and acquisitions, reorganizations, tax-free spin-offs, and debt restructurings. She also counsels individuals, families, and owners of closely-held businesses on estate planning strategies including the transition of their business to the next generation in a tax-efficient manner.

Clarkson is active in several professional and community organizations, including the American Red Cross Greater Rochester Chapter, Allendale Columbia School, and the Princeton Club of Rochester. She was selected as a 2019 Forty Under 40 honoree by the *Rochester Business Journal* and honored for her accomplishment, community service, and commitment to the legal profession by *The Daily Record* with the 2018 Excellence in Law "Up and Coming" Attorney award and selected to the Upstate New York

Super Lawyers Rising Stars list for the past two years. Clarkson is a graduate of Princeton University and The College of William and Mary School of Law.

Collins is a member of the Corporate practice group where he advises family-owned and other private businesses in a wide variety of legal matters relating to the formation, operation, ownership, transfer, and termination of business entities. He has extensive experience representing clients across various industries with a range of business combination transactions including mergers, equity and asset-based acquisitions and divestitures, capital raising transactions, investment transactions, and joint venture arrangements.

Collins volunteers often, supporting several community organizations, including the Veterans Outreach Center, and the Boys & Girls Club of Rochester. He is also involved with the Monroe County Bar Association, the American Bar Association, and the Cornell Football Association. He is a graduate of Cornell University and a former Division I collegiate football player who earned his law degree, *summa cum laude*, from New England School of Law. In addition, Collins was selected for inclusion on the Upstate New York Super Lawyers Rising Stars list from 2017-2019.

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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* 2020 “Best Law Firms” top tier metropolitan practice group rankings—more Western New York rankings than any other law firm. The firm has been honored by *Chambers USA* for Corporate/M&A, Healthcare, Labor & Employment, Litigation, Immigration and Real Estate law and 46 attorneys are recognized as *The Best Lawyers in America*© for 2020. For more information visit www.hselaw.com.

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