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HARTER SECREST & EMERY WELCOMES EDWARD J. STEVE AND CAITLIN FORSYTH KIREKER

Rochester, New York, April 24, 2018 – Harter Secret & Emery LLP, a full-service business law firm with offices throughout New York, announced that Edward J. Steve and Caitlin Forsyth Kireker have joined the firm’s Rochester office.

Steve is counsel in Harter Secret & Emery’s [Labor & Employment](#) practice group. He has extensive experience as an employment law defense counsel, representing clients in federal and State court proceedings, in arbitration, and before federal, State, and local administrative agencies. Steve provides advice and counsel on employment-related matters, and has significant expertise in several facets of employment law, including Human Resources policy development, settlement agreements and negotiated departures. He has also conducted training on employment law matters.

Steve joins Harter Secret & Emery from JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., where he served as Assistant General Counsel in the company’s Human Resources law group. He is a *magna cum laude* graduate of both St. John Fisher College and New England School of Law.

Kireker is an associate in Harter Secret & Emery’s [Litigation](#) practice group, where she focuses her practice on commercial and intellectual property litigation. She represents clients in all stages of state and federal litigation at the trial and appellate levels, and has experience in commercial litigation, intellectual property litigation, labor and employment litigation, and securities litigation. Most recently, Kireker was an associate in the Litigation practice at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP in New York. She is a graduate of Vassar College and received her law degree from New York University School of Law.

Harter Secret & Emery [Labor and Employment](#) attorneys advise clients on ways to meet their business needs in connection with all aspects of labor and employment law matters. The firm assists

employers in analyzing the soundness and comprehensiveness of their existing employment practices and policies, and provide suggestions and advice on establishing new guidelines to meet ever-changing business requirements. Harter Secrest & Emery represents all types of employers in nearly every industry sector. The firm's clients range 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.

Harter Secrest & Emery's [Litigation](#) attorneys represent clients on a wide range of matters including high-stakes commercial disputes, intellectual property litigation, insurance-coverage disputes, employment and ERISA litigation, privacy and data security matters, government investigations, professional liability claims, construction disputes, and securities litigation. The firm's attorneys have comprehensive experience that ranges from trying cases in state and federal courts to handling appeals at all levels of the appellate courts. Harter Secrest & Emery's litigation practice received a top-tier ranking from *Chambers USA*, and six of its litigators have been individually recognized by Chambers.

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