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HARTER SECREST & EMERY APPOINTS FIVE SENIOR ASSOCIATES

Rochester, New York, May 31, 2017 – Harter Secret & Emery LLP, a full-service business law firm with offices throughout New York, announced that five attorneys have been named Senior Associates with the firm.

[John W. 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, and on a wide range of plan compliance matters, including Internal Revenue Code, ERISA, and HIPAA compliance matters. He joined Harter Secret & Emery in 2009. Brill is a *magna cum laude* graduate of both the University of Notre Dame and Notre Dame Law School.

[Kyra T. Keller](#) joined Harter Secret & Emery in 2013 and is a member of the firm's [Litigation](#) practice group. She practices in a wide range of civil litigation matters, including business and commercial litigation, as well as government investigations. Keller has experience representing clients in antitrust investigations by the Federal Trade Commission and the Department of Justice, intellectual property disputes, including lawsuits related to patents, copyrights, and trademarks, and numerous complex commercial disputes. A graduate of Cornell University, Keller received her law degree, *cum laude*, from Harvard Law School.

[Katherine A. Markert](#) practices in Harter Secret & Emery's [Intellectual Property](#) and [Alcohol Beverage](#) practice groups. She handles intellectual property matters involving trademark registration, opposition, cancellation, infringement, licensing, and portfolio management. Markert also advises clients on matters impacting the alcohol beverage industry, including: franchise protection, trade practice, federal and state licensing, contract production, alternating proprietorships, product labeling, advertising, marketing, distribution, and licensing agreements. She joined Harter Secret & Emery in 2013, and is a graduate of Northeastern University and the Thomas M. Cooley Law School at Western Michigan University.

[Jesse A. St. Cyr](#) is a member of the firm's [Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation](#) practice group, concentrating his practice on issues relating to pension and welfare plans for both for-

profit and tax exempt clients. He assists clients with the preparation of plan documents, matters related to Internal Revenue Service and Department of Labor remedial correction programs, compliance with ERISA reporting and disclosure requirements, and advising clients regarding employee benefits issues involved in mergers and acquisitions. St. Cyr joined Harter Secrest & Emery in 2008. He is a *cum laude* graduate of George Mason University and earned his law degree from the William and Mary School of Law.

[Laura K. Schwalbe](#) joined Harter Secrest & Emery in 2016, after practicing in Washington, D.C. A member of the firm’s [Government and Internal Investigations](#) practice group, she advises and represents clients in connections with examinations and investigations by the U.S. Department of Justice, the Securities & Exchange Commission, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, various state Attorneys General, and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. Schwalbe assists clients with conducting internal investigations, and serves as trial and appellate counsel for defendants against the Securities & Exchange Commission. She graduated from Boston University, and is a *magna cum laude* graduate of the Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law.

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