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HARTER SECREST & EMERY WELCOMES EIGHT LAW STUDENTS TO THE SUMMER ASSOCIATE PROGRAM

Rochester, New York, June 9, 2022 – Harter Secret & Emery LLP, a full-service business law firm with offices throughout New York, is pleased to welcome eight law students to the firm through the Summer Associate Program.

The eight-week Summer Associate Program provides meaningful, hands-on experience with important and challenging client matters for first- and second-year law students. Summer associates have the opportunity to work closely with our attorneys and gain constructive feedback during each project over the course of the summer. They also get exposure to many different areas of law to help them determine their professional path.

“Our exceptional 2022 summer class reflects our commitment to hiring talented law students, from all backgrounds, who we believe will succeed in our firm environment, and in the legal profession more generally. This is a particularly bright and motivated group, and we are excited to work with them this summer,” said Jeffrey A. Wadsworth, Harter Secret & Emery’s Hiring Partner.

The 2022 Class includes:

Matthew Atewe is a first-year law student at St. John’s University School of Law, where he is a member of the Black Law Students Association, Entertainment and Sports Law Society, and Intellectual Property Law Society. Atewe earned his B.A. in Political Science from the University of Washington, and his M.A. in Education from Pepperdine University Graduate School of Education and Psychology, where he was awarded a Bronze Honor from the West Coast Conference Commissioner for achieving a GPA greater than 3.0, while being a student-athlete and captain of the basketball team. Before law school, he worked as a legal assistant for The Law Office of Stacy D. Heard.

Jason Delmont is a second-year law student at the University at Buffalo School of Law. He received his B.S., *summa cum laude*, in finance, with a minor in economics, from the University of Pittsburgh College of Business Administration. Delmont has experience working as a judicial intern for Honorable Emilio Colaiacovo of the New York State Supreme Court, as an accounting intern at Curbell Inc., and in the Town of Hamburg Recreation Department.

Clayton Dubin is a second-year law student at The Pennsylvania State University, Penn State Law. He is a member of the Corporate Law Society, Sports and Entertainment Law Society, Phi Delta Phi Honor Society, and the National Mock Trial Team. Dubin earned his B.A. from Cornell University in Government, where he played varsity soccer. Last summer, he worked as an intern for the Honorable Suzanne Adams of the New York State Supreme Court and for the Entrepreneur Assistance Clinic in State College Pennsylvania. He also worked as a research assistant at Penn State Law.

Niyobuhungiro Godfroid is a second-year law student at the University at Buffalo School of Law and he completed dual B.A. degrees in Political Science and Communications from Boston College. Before law school he had several work and volunteer experiences, including at Howard Hanna, MVP Healthcare, New York Public Interest Research Group, Boston College African Students Organization, and Ropes & Gray LLP. He is fluent in Kirundi, Swahili, and intermediate French. Godfroid was a member of the HSE Summer Program class in 2021.

Andrew Latona is a second-year JD/MBA student at the University at Buffalo School of Law and he earned his B.S., *summa cum laude*, in Business Administration from the University at Buffalo. He received The Prentice Family Fellowship Foundation's Western New York Prosperity Fellowship, and he is participating in the LeaderCORE program at University at Buffalo. Last summer, Latona held two internships, one with the UB Entrepreneurship Law Center Clinic and the other at John J. Fromen, Attorneys at law, P.C.

Gabrielle Reid is a first-year law student at Syracuse University College of Law, where she serves as a first-year Student Ambassador and Member of the Black Law Students Association. Reid earned her B.A. in Political Science at Hampton University where she was in the Phi Alpha Delta Law fraternity, an International Honors and an Evershed Sutherland LLP Scholars recipient. Before law school, Reid worked for JustCause (Formerly Volunteer Legal Services Project) in their Help Center and as a Consumer Law Paralegal. She also worked as a litigation legal assistant at Woods Oviatt Gilman LLP.

Yomaris Sanchez is a second-year law student at University at Buffalo School of Law, the president of the Latin American Law Student Association, and a member of the Erie County Bar Association,

American Immigration Lawyers Association, and the *Buffalo Human Rights Law Review*. She received her B.A. in History with minors in Communications and Criminal Justice from Roberts Wesleyan College where she worked as an assistant to the head of the History department. Before law school, Sanchez worked as a radiology assistant for Rochester Regional Health. She was also a member of the HSE Summer Program class in 2021.

Kathryn Stiffler is a second-year law student at Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law, where she is a Public Interest Scholar Program recipient. Before law school, Stiffler was the deputy Title IX coordinator for the Office of Title IX Programs and Compliance at Hobart and William Smith Colleges, where she developed and delivered Title IX training to faculty and staff and created and implemented prevention and education programming for undergraduate students. Stiffler earned her M.S. in Reproductive and Sexual Health Research from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and her B.A. in Gender Studies from The College of William and Mary, where she was the Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity President.

About Harter Secrest & Emery LLP

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