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**HARTER SECREST & EMERY APPOINTS NEW MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND PRACTICE GROUP LEADERS**

**Rochester, New York, March 26, 2019** – Harter Secret & Emery LLP, a full-service business law firm with offices throughout New York, is pleased to announce new leadership appointments. Joseph G. Casion, Jr. and Kelly A. Pronti have each been elected to serve a three-year term on the firm’s Management Committee. John A. Anderson has been appointed as leader of the firm’s Real Estate practice group, and Megan K. Dorritie has been appointed to lead one of the firm’s Litigation practice groups.

Casion is a partner in Harter Secret & Emery’s Not-for-Profit practice. He provides corporate counsel to both not-for-profit organizations and for-profit businesses. His work with and deep understanding of not-for-profit organizations includes advising clients on the facilitation of consolidations, mergers, acquisitions between organizations, attaining tax-exempt status, and compliance with associated federal and state requirements. In addition, Casion works with for-profit businesses on formation, transactions, joint ventures, mergers, acquisitions, and managing the sale and acquisition of privately-held companies. Casion received a J.D., *cum laude*, from Syracuse University College of Law and a B.A., *magna cum laude*, from University of Rochester.

A partner in the firm’s Real Estate practice, Pronti counsels clients from project inception to completion and works closely with members of executive leadership and in-house counsel on preparing and negotiating easement and development agreements, performing due diligence for mergers and acquisitions, and preparing and negotiating commercial sale, purchase, and lease agreements. Pronti has been recognized by *Chambers USA* and *The Best Lawyers in America*® in the field of real estate. Pronti is a *cum laude* graduate from Albany Law School and the University at Buffalo.

Anderson, also a partner in Harter Secret & Emery’s Real Estate practice, provides general counsel and legal advice to publicly traded and private companies, financial institutions, railroads,

educational institutions, agricultural enterprises, not-for-profit enterprises, and individuals concerning legal matters involving real property. Anderson has been recognized by *Chambers USA* and *The Best Lawyers in America*® in the field of real estate. He received a J.D., *summa cum laude*, from the University of Maine School of Law, and a B.A., *cum laude*, from St. Lawrence University.

Dorritie, a partner in the firm’s Litigation practice, focuses on commercial, and tax certiorari litigation. She represents clients in federal and state courts, handling cases in matters including business disputes, breach of contract, tort and unfair competition, ERISA claims, real estate tax assessment challenges, products liability defense, land use and zoning, and New York State Mental Hygiene Law, among others. Dorritie has been selected by her peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® in the area of Commercial Litigation. She is a *magna cum laude* graduate of the University at Buffalo Law School and Hartwick College.

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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* 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](http://www.hselaw.com).

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