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Harter Secret & Emery Elects Four New Partners

Rochester, New York— January 3, 2023—Harter Secret & Emery LLP (“HSE”), a full-service business law firm with offices throughout New York, is pleased to announce the election of four new partners: [C. Christopher Murillo](#), [Sarah A. Pellerin](#), [Glenn R. Schieck](#), and [Edward M. Stone](#).

“Our new partners come from diversified practice groups and collectively represent the best of Harter Secret & Emery,” said Craig S. Wittlin, Harter Secret & Emery managing partner. “They have earned the trust of their peers and firm clients with their deep understanding of the law and commitment to helping our clients succeed.”

Murillo is a member of the firm’s Securities & Capital Markets group. He advises publicly-traded and privately-held companies on accessing and utilizing capital markets while ensuring federal and state securities law compliance. Murillo also counsels clients on corporate governance, public and private offerings of securities, FINRA and stock exchange regulatory compliance, compliance with the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, NYSE and NASDAQ rules, and mergers and acquisitions. His experience includes representing Special Purpose Acquisition Companies, or SPACs, from formation, listing on an exchange and completing their initial public offering, to assisting in the negotiating, signing and closing of a business combination. This experience also extends to advising management teams and companies following a business combination to manage the transition from SPAC to operating company with a view to the long-term success of the transaction. He is a member of the Board of Directors of Rochester Makerspace, Inc. Murillo received a J.D. from New York University School of Law, and a B.A., *cum laude*, from Claremont McKenna College.

A member of the Real Estate practice, Pellerin advises owners, landlords, tenants, investors, buyers, sellers, borrowers, lenders, and real estate investment trusts (REITs) on a wide range of

commercial real estate matters including acquisitions, divestitures, financing, zoning and municipal approval of land-use ventures. She also represents both landlords and tenants in various types of lease transactions for office, industrial, and retail space. Pellerin is a member of the Advisory Board for the Upstate New York Chapter of the National Kidney Foundation. She has been recognized by *Chambers USA* and *Best Lawyers: One to Watch in America* in the field of Real Estate Law for Upstate New York, and by *The Daily Record* and *Rochester Business Journal* in its 2022 Legal Excellence Awards. Pellerin received a J.D. *cum laude*, from Albany Law School and a B.A. *summa cum laude* from SUNY College at Plattsburgh.

Schieck, a member of Harter Secrest & Emery's Immigration practice, works with a wide variety of clients, including multinational corporations, small businesses, universities, professional sports teams, and health care institutions in seeking immigrant and nonimmigrant status for employees in diverse fields and specialties. He has experience in all aspects of employment-based immigration law, as well as experience with complex litigation and appeals before federal and administrative courts, including the Board of Alien Labor Certification Appeals of the Department of Labor (BALCA) and the Administrative Appeals Office of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service (AAO). Schieck currently serves on the Board of Directors for Literacy Volunteers of Rochester, and previously served as Chair of the New Member Division Liaison of the Upstate New York Chapter for the American Immigration Lawyers Association. Schieck was recognized by *Chambers USA* in 2022 in the field of Immigration (New York State) and was selected by peers for inclusion in 2023 *Best Lawyers: One to Watch in America* for Immigration Law. He was also recognized by *The Daily Record* and *Rochester Business Journal* in its 2022 Legal Excellence Awards. Schieck received a J.D., *magna cum laude*, from Brooklyn Law School, and a B.S. from Cornell University.

A member of the Private Equity and Venture Capital group, Stone counsels private equity and venture capital funds, and portfolio companies, in a broad range of corporate transactional matters and on the mechanisms available to them to fund their business ventures, manage corporate governance, and achieve their business goals. He also advises clients on mergers and acquisitions, strategic partnerships, complex commercial arrangements, and general corporate governance matters. His clients have businesses in a variety of industries, and they often include businesses with domestic and international operations. Stone was selected by peers for inclusion in *Best Lawyers: One to Watch in America* for Venture Capital Law, Business Organizations, Corporate Governance and Compliance, as well as Mergers and

Acquisitions. He earned a J.D. from University of California Los Angeles School of Law, and a B.A. *cum laude*, from Harvard University.

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