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HARTER SECREST & EMERY LLP ADDS FOUR ATTORNEYS

Rochester, New York—August 4, 2009 – The law firm of Harter Secret & Emery LLP is pleased to announce that **Joshua E. Gewolb, JoAnn E. Gould, Matthew D. Purcell** and **Jennifer L. Wright** have joined the firm.

Joshua E. Gewolb has joined the firm's tax group as an associate attorney. Mr. Gewolb focuses his practice on tax matters relating to mergers and acquisitions and private equity. His professional experience includes a wide range of corporate transactions, including spin-offs, asset and stock acquisitions, restructurings, and joint ventures. Mr. Gewolb also maintains an active practice advising not-for-profit corporations on corporate tax matters. Prior to joining HSE, Mr. Gewolb practiced at Debevoise & Plimpton LLP in New York City. He received his J.D., *magna cum laude*, from the University of Michigan Law School and his B.A., *cum laude*, from Harvard University. He resides in Rochester, NY with his wife Katie.

JoAnn E. Gould has joined the firm's environmental group as counsel. For more than 20 years, Ms. Gould has focused her practice on environmental law, counseling major corporate clients, primarily with respect to permitting and regulatory compliance under the Clean Air Act and hazardous waste programs, as well as the Clean Water Act, the Toxic Substance Control Act, the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act and reporting under SARA Title 3. She spent several years early in her career with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Division of Environmental Enforcement, and has extensive experience negotiating resolution of administrative enforcement actions and remedial obligations. Prior to joining HSE, Ms. Gould was Chief Environmental and Regulatory Counsel at Eastman Kodak Company. She received her J.D. and B.A. from the State University of New York at Buffalo. She resides in Rochester, NY with her husband.

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Matthew D. Purcell has joined the firm's corporate group as an associate attorney. Mr. Purcell practice is concentrated in the areas of securities, mergers and acquisitions, and general business and corporate matters. His professional experience includes counseling corporate clients on the Securities Act and Exchange Act of 1933 and 1934, performing due diligence review of asset and stock purchase agreements, drafting various contracts and transactional agreements, and assisting both publicly-held and privately-held companies in corporate governance issues. Prior to joining HSE, Mr. Purcell practiced at Edwards Angell Palmer & Dodge LLP in Boston where his practice included both transactions and litigation. He received his J.D. from William & Mary School of Law and his B.A. from Brigham Young University. He resides in Fairport, NY with his wife, Dawn and their three children.

Jennifer L. Wright has joined the firm's real estate group as an associate attorney. In her real estate and land use practice, Ms. Wright will represent commercial developers before municipal boards in connection with obtaining municipal approvals, including approvals required under the State Environmental Quality Review Act. She is also experienced in drafting and negotiating documents related to transfer of interests in real property; representing purchasers and sellers in residential and commercial real estate transactions; and assisting in the representation of borrowers and underwriters in municipal financing transactions. Ms. Wright recently practiced at Nixon Peabody LLP. She received her J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center and her B.A. from Gettysburg College. She resides in Rochester, NY.

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