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## SAUL EWING LLP AND SCHMELTZER APTAKER & SHEPARD P.C. MERGER COMPLETE

(Washington, D.C., November 1, 2006) – Saul Ewing LLP is proud to announce that attorneys from the law firm formerly known as Schmeltzer Aptaker & Shepard (SAS) have joined Saul Ewing's Washington, D.C. office, effective October 1, 2006.

The combination has strengthened and increased Saul Ewing's presence in the nation's capital, as well as multiple practice areas, particularly the Firm's Labor and Employment, Venture Capital/Private Equity and Biotech practices. In addition, SAS has brought to Saul Ewing well-established International Trade and Legislative practices.

"It is a great fit all-around," said Howard G. Slavit, Co-Office Managing Partner for the expanded Washington, D.C. office. "The SAS attorneys complement our existing legal practices and have expanded the scope of service we can offer our clients."

Former SAS Partner and now fellow Co-Office Managing Partner **Ira M. Shepard** agreed, adding, "It is a great value added for everyone that Schmeltzer, Aptaker & Shepard's 30-year presence in D.C. fits so well with Saul Ewing's 85 year East Coast presence."

In addition to Mr. Shepard, who joined the Business Department (Labor and Employment), the following attorneys have joined the Firm as Partner: **Anessa Abrams**, Business Department (Labor and Employment); **Katherine Brewer**, Business Department (Labor and Employment); **Robert L. Duston**, Business Department (Labor and Employment); **Mark I. Gruhin**, Business Department (Venture Capital/General Corporate); **Paul M. Heylman**, Business Department (Labor and Employment); **Linda G. Hill**, Litigation Department (Labor and Employment); **Edward R. Levin**, Business Department (Labor and Employment); **Gary L. Lieber**, Business Department (Labor and Employment); **JC Miller**, Business Department (Labor and Employment); **Carlos Mateo Paz-Soldan**, Business Department (International Trade); and **Henry A. Platt**, Business Department (Labor and Employment).

The following attorneys have joined as Special Counsel: **Jeffrey S. Levin**, Business Department (International Trade); and **Herbert E. Harris**, Business Department (International Trade). **Marisa Ferreira** has joined the Business Department (International Trade) as Foreign Legal Consultant.

The following attorneys have joined as Associate: **Sundi Y. Bonfiglio**, Business Department (Labor and Employment); **Monique Cioffalo**, Business Department (Labor and Employment); and **John B. Totaro**, Business Department (International Trade).

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