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Cole Schotz Names Four Attorneys to Partnership

Two associates also promoted to special counsel

HACKENSACK, N.J., January 1, 2011 – The law firm of Cole, Schotz, Meisel, Forman & Leonard, P.A. is pleased to announce the promotion of G. David Dean, Christopher P. Massaro, Patrick J. Reilley and Adam J. Sklar as members (partners) of the firm. In addition, the firm named Nolan E. Shanahan and Geoffrey Weinstein as special counsel.

G. David Dean

Mr. Dean, Baltimore, is formerly an associate and part of the firm's Bankruptcy & Corporate Restructuring Department. He focuses his practice on corporate reorganizations, out-of-court restructurings, and complex business litigation in bankruptcy, state and U.S. district courts. In bankruptcy proceedings, Mr. Dean has served as counsel to debtors, a foreign representative, official committees of unsecured creditors and equity holders, individual creditors (including landlords and trade creditors), purchasers of assets in bankruptcy, and bankruptcy trustees. Outside of bankruptcy, he has often represented businesses and individuals in out-of-court restructurings. Mr. Dean has spoken on various aspects of bankruptcy and published articles on a variety of bankruptcy topics. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland and his J.D. from the University of Baltimore School of Law.

Christopher P. Massaro

Mr. Massaro, Hackensack, is formerly an associate and part of the Litigation Department. He focuses his practice on litigating and resolving estate matters and business disputes in both state and federal court. Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Massaro served as a law clerk to the Honorable Howard H. Kestin of the New Jersey Superior Court, Appellate Division. He received his bachelor's degree from Montclair State University and his J.D. from New York Law School.

Patrick J. Reilley

Mr. Reilley, Wilmington, is formerly an associate and part of the firm's Bankruptcy & Corporate Restructuring Department. He focuses his practice on corporate reorganizations, creditors' rights issues and litigation arising in Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases. Mr. Reilley has represented debtors, creditors' committees, secured and unsecured creditors, landlords, plan administrators and trustees, and parties in adversary proceedings. He received his bachelor's degree from Bucknell University and his J.D. from the Boston University School of Law.

Adam J. Sklar

Mr. Sklar, Hackensack, is formerly special counsel. He focuses his practice on construction litigation, commercial litigation, including collections and business and contract disputes, employment litigation, and consumer fraud litigation. He has been involved in matters in the state and federal courts of New Jersey and New York at the trial level, as well as the appellate

courts of New Jersey. Mr. Sklar received his bachelor's degree, with distinction, from the University of North Carolina and his J.D. from Rutgers University School of Law-Newark, and, thereafter, served as law clerk to the late Hon. Sylvia B. Pressler, then-Presiding Judge of the New Jersey Appellate Division.

Nolan E. Shanahan

Mr. Shanahan, New York, is formerly an associate, and he concentrates his practice in general commercial litigation. He has represented clients in a broad range of commercial matters, including contract disputes, real estate actions and bankruptcy litigation. Mr. Shanahan represents manufacturers, retailers and property owners in products liability, toxic torts and general liability cases. Prior to entering private practice, Mr. Shanahan was an assistant district attorney in Kings County, N.Y. where, among other duties, he was lead counsel on numerous jury and non-jury trials before the New York City Criminal and New York State Supreme Courts. Mr. Shanahan received both his bachelor's degree and J.D. from Fordham University.

Geoffrey Weinstein

Mr. Weinstein, Hackensack, is formerly an associate. He prepares wills, trusts and other estate planning documents and advises clients on tax aspects on a wide range of corporate transactions and executive compensation packages. He also represents clients involved in tax controversies with the Internal Revenue Service and the New Jersey and New York state tax authorities. Mr. Weinstein received his bachelor's degree from Northeastern University, his J.D. from Rutgers University School of Law-Camden, and his LL.M. from the Georgetown University Law Center.

Cole Schotz serves clients throughout the U.S. with offices in New Jersey, New York, Delaware, Maryland and Texas. The firm represents closely held businesses and individuals as well as Fortune 500 companies. Founded in 1928, the firm has grown to 120 attorneys who work in eight primary areas of practice: Bankruptcy & Corporate Restructuring; Litigation; Real Estate; Tax, Trusts & Estates; Corporate, Finance & Business Transactions; Employment; Environmental; and Construction Services.

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