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Day Pitney Further Expands Presence in Florida Through Merger with Richman Greer

Increases Headcount to more than 20 Lawyers in Florida

Offers Clients Litigation Services and Enhances International Capabilities

Pictured (L to R): Manuel Garcia-Linares; Tom Goldberg; Mark Romance

Day Pitney LLP announced today that it will significantly expand its presence in Florida through a merger with Richman Greer P.A. All fifteen attorneys from Richman Greer will join Day Pitney upon completion of the merger, which is expected on January 1, 2019.

"We have been evaluating a number of opportunities to increase the strength and depth of our team in Florida, which is a growing center for business" said Tom Goldberg, Day Pitney's Managing Partner. "We are thrilled to see our two great firms join together. Richman Greer has a stellar track record of success and a well-earned reputation as a top-level litigation firm, and this merger will expand our litigation capabilities to meet the growing needs of our clients in the U.S. and overseas."

The combined firm will retain Richman Greer's existing offices in Miami and West Palm Beach as well as all personnel. Day Pitney, which currently has offices in Boca Raton and Delray Beach, will increase its lawyer headcount in Florida from seven to 22 attorneys. The attorneys joining Day Pitney have extensive experience handling high-profile and complex commercial litigation, which will be of immediate value to the firm's clients. The merger will provide Richman Greer and its clients with a complete range of legal services through Day Pitney's well-established Corporate and Trusts and Estates groups as well as expanded geographic reach up the East Coast across 11 additional offices all the way to Boston.

"It is truly a privilege to join Day Pitney, which shares our values, including a deep commitment to providing the highest level of client service, a strategic focus on growing the business in Florida and serving a client base consistent with Richman Greer. Day Pitney's culture is very closely aligned with Richman Greer, including a strong commitment to diversity and inclusion, which will make the integration easier to execute," said Manuel A. Garcia-Linares, Managing Shareholder at Richman Greer. "We have been actively seeking the best way to strengthen and expand the range of legal services we can provide for our clients both in and beyond Florida. There is no better firm for us to partner with than Day Pitney."

As one of only a handful of law firms that has been operating in the South Florida marketplace for over 55 years, Richman Greer has developed an international reputation for handling complex business disputes and commercial transactions for a diverse clientele, including corporations, governmental entities and individuals. Since its inception, the firm has represented major U.S. corporations in industries such as information technology, broadcasting, automotive, construction, telecommunications, publishing, banking, insurance, petroleum, food, pharmaceuticals and entertainment.

Strategically located in the thriving metropolitan region of international trade and commerce in South Florida, Richman Greer's attorneys routinely serve overseas clients, including foreign governments, banks, airlines, television stations, investment and insurance interests as well as individuals.

"Day Pitney is a laser-focused East Coast regional law firm with close to 300 attorneys which provides the highest quality legal service for our clients across all practices and offices," said James Ballerano, Office Managing Partner for Day Pitney's Delray Beach and Boca Raton locations." This merger reflects Day Pitney's strategic commitment to expand in a meaningful way into the Florida marketplace for the long term. The addition of these reputable and talented attorneys from Richman Greer will provide us with a deep litigation bench and enhance our existing Florida capabilities to meet the needs of our individual and corporate clients."

The following Richman Greer attorneys will join Day Pitney as partners:

Gary S. Betensky focuses his civil trial practice on complex business disputes and dispute resolution. He is distinguished as a specialist and expert through his board certification by The Florida Bar in business litigation law, which recognizes special knowledge, skills and proficiency in business litigation law, professionalism and ethics.

Manuel A. Garcia-Linares concentrates his practice in the areas of complex commercial and business litigation, officer and director liability, real estate litigation, probate and trust litigation, professional malpractice (legal and accounting), and class action litigation. He also handles corporate, transactional and estate planning matters.

Michael J. Napoleone focuses his practice on the representation of businesses and individuals in significant contract disputes. His experience litigating corporate breakups provides a unique perspective on the drafting of corporate formation documents, including shareholder and operating agreements. He also maintains a practice in complex estate and trust litigation and appellate work.

Mark A. Romance is a trial and appellate attorney who focuses his practice on commercial litigation and other complex litigation, including non-compete, trade secret, intellectual property, real estate, mortgage foreclosure, product defect and estate and trust litigation.

Also joining Day Pitney are all other existing Richman Greer attorneys: Katherine A. Coba; Nathaniel M. Edenfield; Alan Graham Greer; Dolly Hernandez; Charles H. Johnson; Amanda R. Keller; George L. Metcalfe, Jr.; Adam M. Myron; Steven Naclerio; Gerald F. Richman; and Georgia A. Thompson. Collectively, these attorneys add to Day Pitney's capabilities in all three of its departments: Corporate and Business Law, Litigation and Trusts and Estates.

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