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Day Pitney Elects Four New Partners

Day Pitney LLP has promoted four attorneys to the firm's partnership. "This year's partner class reflects our continued commitment to promoting exceptional talent and developing future leaders for our firm and for the profession," noted Gregory A. Hayes, Day Pitney's Managing Partner. "These four dynamic attorneys continuously demonstrate technical excellence and an appreciation of the needs of our clients and our firm's commitment to client service."

The new partners, who are based in Boston, Florida, New Jersey, and New York, are:

Gregory R. Bruno (Complex Commercial Litigation; New York) represents both institutional and individual clients in complex commercial litigation matters in state and federal court, as well as in arbitration proceedings. He frequently represents clients in matters involving breaches of contract, business torts (such as fraud, misrepresentation, and breaches of fiduciary duty), and real estate disputes. In handling such matters, Bruno draws upon his prior experience as a judicial law clerk in the Commercial Division of New York State Supreme Court, New York County, where he researched, issued outcome recommendations and drafted decisions in numerous commercial cases. Bruno also handles an array of trust and estate litigation matters in New York State Surrogate's Court, including will contests, contested accounting proceedings, discovery proceedings, and proceedings to determine the enforceability of creditor claims. Bruno previously served as a law clerk in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court of the Southern District of New York. He earned his B.A., *summa cum laude*, from Providence College and his J.D. from St. John's University School of Law. Bruno is admitted to practice in New York.

Stephen R. Catanzaro (Complex Commercial Litigation; New Jersey) advises and represents clients in real estate and business litigation matters, as well as a broad range of other commercial disputes. His real estate litigation practice includes commercial real estate contract and lease disputes, prerogative writ matters and zoning appeals, construction litigation, easement disputes, and commercial foreclosures. Catanzaro also represents companies in class action defense, private employers in employment matters, creditors in bankruptcy actions, and executives in all aspects of marriage dissolution. Catanzaro handles cases in both state and federal courts in New Jersey and New York. He has extensive trial, mediation, and arbitration experience. Catanzaro earned his B.S. from Towson University and his J.D. from Seton Hall University School of Law. He is admitted to practice in New Jersey and New York.

Heidi A. Seely (Trusts and Estates; Boston) assists individuals and families in all aspects of estate planning, estate administration, and trust administration. She supports individuals and fiduciaries in navigating complex estate administrations and provides a personal touch in advising in trust matters. Seely is skilled in planning for and implementing sophisticated yet understandable strategies to transfer wealth between generations while minimizing tax obligations. She also serves as counsel in probate litigation matters, applying her experience in trusts and estates law to matters before the Probate and Family Court. Seely earned her B.A. from Santa Clara University and her J.D., *cum laude*, from Suffolk University Law School. She is admitted to practice in Massachusetts.

Michael Wargon (Trusts and Estates; Boca Raton) represents successful and high net worth individuals and their families in the areas of wills and trusts, estate and gift tax planning, income tax planning, state tax matters, business structuring and succession planning, special needs planning, and creditor protection planning, as well as probate and trust administration. He carefully guides clients through the estate planning process to ensure their objectives can be accomplished in both life and death. Wargon is particularly sought out for his ability to explain complex concepts and issues in a practical and readily understandable format. He often presents seminars on tax and estate planning to businesses, community organizations, and charities. Wargon earned his B.A., *summa cum laude*, from Touro College, his J.D., *cum laude*, from Fordham University

School of Law, and his LL.M. in Taxation from New York University School of Law. He is admitted to practice in Florida, New Jersey, and New York.

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