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Day Pitney Adds Experienced Tax Attorney in Firm's New York Office

Day Pitney LLP is pleased to announce that [Linda L. D'Onofrio](#) has joined the firm's New York office as a member of the Municipal Finance practice group. Ms. D'Onofrio specializes in tax law relating to public finance and taxable and tax-exempt financial instruments, including derivative products. She joins the firm as of counsel after serving as a partner with Blank Rome, LLP.

Ms. D'Onofrio's experience includes tax analysis and structuring of municipal bond transactions, all forms of mortgage and asset-backed securities transactions, bank conversions and other financial instruments for a wide range of both issuer and investment banking clients.

Additionally, Ms. D'Onofrio has focused on new-product development in the municipal and structured finance areas, and she has had primary involvement in the expansion of creative financing techniques for all municipal and asset-backed securities. This includes seeking both public and private rulings from the federal government on, among other issues, the tax aspects of multi-class securities offerings, variable interest rate offerings, owner-trust/partnership structures involving stripped securities for both governmental and private entities and the "\$150 million limitation" applicable to 501(c)(3) tax-exempt financings. Ms. D'Onofrio also participated in drafting various legislative proposals that ultimately led to the passage of the REMIC provisions of the 1986 Tax Reform Act.

Ms. D'Onofrio is also an active member of the community, including her recent election to serve as trustee of the New York Citizens Budget Commission, a nonprofit civic organization that aims to influence the finances and services of New York City and New York State government.

"Linda has a well-deserved national reputation as a leading tax attorney on municipal bond matters and other complicated transactions, and her presence in the firm's New York office will greatly enhance the capabilities of the municipal finance team," said Douglas W. Gillette, chair of Day Pitney's Municipal Finance practice group. "Her arrival advances our plan to enhance our tax and public finance offerings."

"Day Pitney's strength in the public finance area and its commitment to expanding in the New York market make this a unique growth opportunity for me and the firm," said Ms. D'Onofrio. "I look forward to contributing to the development of the public finance team's offerings in the municipal and structured finance areas."

Prior to joining Blank Rome, Ms. D'Onofrio was a shareholder at Winstead, a partner at Winston & Strawn (formerly Whitman Breed Abbott & Morgan LLP), of counsel at Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue, and a partner at Webster & Sheffield. Ms. D'Onofrio is a graduate of Smith College and received her J.D., cum laude, from Georgetown University Law Center and her LL.M. in Taxation from New York University School of Law.

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