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## **Drinker Biddle Partner Mark Nelson Named Among Top 100 Labor Attorneys**

**CHICAGO** – Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP Partner Mark D. Nelson has been named one of the Top 100 Labor Attorneys in the United States for 2007 by Labor Relations Institute, Inc.

Included in the list are the top one percent of labor lawyers in the nation, making them the most active attorneys representing companies in National Labor Relations Board-monitored elections. Nelson was named to this list from more than 8,600 attorneys evaluated by Labor Relations Institute, with the “Top 100” honor determined by the number of NLRB elections in which each lawyer provided representation and by the success of those election outcomes.

Nelson has represented management in labor relations and employment discrimination law for 25 years. He has particular experience representing employers in union avoidance, union organizing campaigns, labor disputes and unfair labor practice proceedings.

Nelson also has considerable experience representing employers in arbitration hearings on issues such as discharge, discipline, contract interpretation and management rights. He has negotiated many collective bargaining agreements, including initial contracts and successor agreements, for employers in the health care, manufacturing and service industries. He regularly provides advice and counsel regarding contract administration and interpretation to clients who have collective bargaining relationships, as well as clients who wish to avoid them.

Nelson has also represented employers in matters before state and federal agencies and courts on virtually all types of discrimination claims, retaliatory discharge suits, breach of contract actions, and wage and hour cases, among others. He has been

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retained to serve as special investigative counsel in several sensitive sexual harassment matters. He provides advice and counsel to employers on the many labor and employment challenges they face on a day-to-day basis, and is a frequent speaker regarding labor relations matters, sexual harassment, effective discipline and other subjects.

“It is an honor to be recognized as a member of such an elite group of attorneys,” said Nelson. He has also been elected to *Leading Lawyers Network of Illinois* by his peers. He serves on the boards of several community and nonprofit organizations including the board of a large tertiary medical center in suburban Chicago.

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