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Prominent Litigator Gregory P. Miller Leads Group of 12 Lawyers to Drinker Biddle

PHILADELPHIA – Citing both its outstanding national litigation platform and its traditions of professional excellence and client service, prominent litigator Gregory P. Miller and 11 additional lawyers from premier boutique firm Miller Alfano & Raspanti, P.C., are joining the Philadelphia office of Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP.

Miller, who is managing partner of Miller Alfano, will be joining Drinker Biddle as a partner. Four of Miller's colleagues, Heather C. Giordanella, Maria L.H. Lewis, Gregg W. Mackuse and Stephen G. Stroup, will be joining as Of Counsel to the firm. Seven other lawyers will be associates at Drinker Biddle when the move becomes official on January 1, 2008.

Miller is known nationally for his role in the Fen-Phen litigation. A former assistant U.S. attorney and chief of the Criminal Division at the Philadelphia U.S. Attorney's Office, Miller has a substantial practice in the areas of white collar criminal defense and securities and accounting litigation.

"This is a coup – a unique opportunity for us to count someone as talented and respected as Greg Miller as a colleague," said Drinker Biddle Chairman Alfred W. Putnam, Jr. "He is one of the most highly regarded lawyers in the Commonwealth, and we expect that we can provide him and his team with opportunities across the country."

The dozen new lawyers are part of Drinker Biddle's ongoing strategy of adding lawyers that fit the firm's values and reputation, said Andrew C. Kassner, Drinker Biddle's Executive Partner. "We don't grow for growth's sake, and we're not looking to get bigger just to be big," he said. "Instead, we're looking for top-notch lawyers who want a collegial environment where

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they have the freedom to serve their clients the best way possible. Accomplished and well-respected lawyers like Greg and his Miller Alfano colleagues are just the kind of people we're looking for."

Drinker Biddle has more than 650 lawyers in 12 offices nationwide, with more than 300 litigators practicing in the areas of antitrust, securities, white collar crime and corporate investigations, communications, intellectual property, construction, products liability, mass torts, pharmaceutical and medical devices, real estate, professional liability and insurance, environmental, health care and appellate.

"I've known many Drinker Biddle lawyers in my career, and I've always been impressed with their high level of professionalism and integrity, along with their creativity and tenacity," said Miller, who has been practicing law for more than 30 years. "They know how to win and – more importantly – are best at achieving the right result for their clients."

He added that while a large part of his and his colleagues' practices in Philadelphia are national in scope, Drinker Biddle's presence in other major legal markets like Chicago, Washington, D.C., New Jersey, New York and San Francisco will allow them to focus on serving an even wider array of clients nationwide.

Wilson M. Brown III, chair of Drinker Biddle's Commercial Litigation Practice Group, said the addition of Miller and his colleagues is a natural fit. "Many of our lawyers here in Philadelphia and around the country know them and have great respect for the quality of their work," Brown said. "They are first-rate people who will thrive and succeed here."

In addition to Miller, Giordanella, Lewis, Mackuse and Stroup, the other lawyers joining Drinker Biddle as associates are William L. Carr, Joshua Gayl, Richard A. Hunter, A. Kristina Littman, Riley H. Ross III, Billy J. Smith and Nicole B. Stach.

Since his appointment in 1998, Miller has performed a variety of functions as the Special Master in the Fen-Phen multidistrict litigation (In re: Diet Drugs Products Liability Litigation), including monitoring the progress of discovery in more than 40,000 individual claims. He has frequently been asked to serve as a special master or mediator in federal or state cases, and he is a founding member of the Academy of Court Appointed Masters.

Miller's securities litigation work has included counseling a Big Four accounting firm engagement partner in an action brought by the Securities & Exchange Commission (SEC) and

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representing directors and officers who are defendants in securities class actions. He has served as outside counsel to the Philadelphia Stock Exchange and is active in representing defendants in SEC actions involving late trading, market timing and improper management of a hedge fund.

Miller entered private practice in 1984 after almost a decade of public service, first as an officer in the U.S. Navy, Judge Advocate General's Corps, and later with the U.S. Attorney's Office in Philadelphia. While a federal prosecutor, he became nationally known in the health care enforcement area, prosecuting the landmark health care fraud case United States v. Greber, which established new law in the area of Medicare kickbacks.

Miller is also a frequent author and lecturer in the area of legal ethics. He served six years on the Disciplinary Board for the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, chairing its Rules Committee. He is currently the chair of the Pennsylvania Board of Law Examiners.

Giordanella works extensively on cases involving employment and ERISA disputes, in addition to general commercial litigation and Special Master services. She was recently honored as one of two outstanding members of the year by the National Association of Women Lawyers and has been elected to serve as an at-large member of the group's executive board.

Lewis focuses her practice on employment and commercial disputes. A Harvard Law School graduate, she began her career as an assistant district attorney in the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office, where she tried hundreds of preliminary hearings and bench trials. Last year, the Philadelphia *Legal Intelligencer* named her as one of the women "On the Verge" in the city's legal community.

Mackuse focuses his practice on a variety of complex commercial litigation matters, including complex and health care fraud cases and corporate internal investigations. He has extensive experience in insurance regulatory issues, insolvency proceedings and insurance coverage disputes.

Stroup concentrates his practice on defending SEC regulatory investigations and enforcement actions in addition to commercial disputes. He is both a Certified Public Accountant and Certified Fraud Examiner, with prior experience in the accounting and auditing profession. He is currently a national director for the American Association of Attorney-Certified Public Accountants.

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Miller Alfano's other name partners, Marc S. Raspanti and Gaetan J. Alfano, and several other lawyers are joining the Philadelphia office of Pittsburgh-based Pietragallo Bosick & Gordon.

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