

Drinker Biddle To Add Three Securities Litigation Partners to Chicago Office

Bradley J. Andreozzi, Daniel J. Delaney & Bennett W. Lasko Joining From Mayer Brown LLP

CHICAGO – Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP is adding strength and depth to its national securities and accounting litigation practice with new partners Bradley J. Andreozzi, Daniel J. Delaney and Bennett W. Lasko, who will practice in the firm’s Chicago office. The three accomplished litigators, partners at Mayer Brown LLP, move to Drinker Biddle on October 22.

“This is the next phase of our plan to strengthen and expand our 300-lawyer litigation practice,” said Alfred W. Putnam, Jr., chairman of Drinker Biddle. “These partners come to us at a time when we are steadily adding top-flight securities litigators and white collar criminal defense lawyers in our offices across the country.”

Drinker Biddle announced last month that former federal prosecutor and securities litigator Gregory P. Miller will be leading a dozen lawyers to the firm’s Philadelphia office on January 1, 2008. In the past year, former New Jersey Supreme Court Chief Justice and Attorney General Deborah T. Poritz joined the firm’s Princeton office and former federal prosecutor Barry Gross moved to the firm’s Philadelphia office. In 2006, white-collar defense lawyer Charles S. Leeper joined the firm’s Washington, D.C., office.

“We are very excited that Brad, Dan and Bennett have decided to join us,” said Edwin A. Getz, regional-partner-in-charge of Drinker Biddle’s Chicago office. “One of our objectives – in Chicago and nationally – is to expand what is already one of the country’s finest litigation

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practices. Brad, Dan and Bennett add strength to one of the fastest-growing segments of that practice.”

Andreozzi, Delaney and Lasko have more than 50 years combined experience in complex commercial litigation and securities litigation, class actions and other shareholder disputes, with an emphasis on litigation involving accounting firms and accounting issues.

Lasko said that the three lawyers were particularly attracted to Drinker Biddle by the sophistication and extent of its securities class action and accountants’ liability practices. “A law firm needs significant breadth and depth in these areas to be credible and best serve its clients’ interests,” he said.

Andreozzi and Delaney agreed. “There’s no question that Drinker Biddle has the knowledge and skill to deliver top-quality service to its clients on a national level,” said Delaney. “The firm’s strengths in hedge funds, investment companies and corporate transactions were additional benefits.”

“Drinker Biddle’s values and culture were as important to us as the sophistication of its practices,” added Andreozzi. “With their commitment to high-quality work and their genuine collegiality, we felt at home with the people at Drinker Biddle.”

In addition to their work in the areas of securities and financial services class actions, both Lasko and Delaney have experience defending clients in matters involving products liability, mass torts and multidistrict complex litigation. Andreozzi is an accomplished appellate litigator with a successful track record of defeating the certification of high-stakes class action suits. An internationally recognized sports lawyer, Andreozzi also has represented professional athletes and sports governing bodies in litigation and international arbitration, including before the International Court of Arbitration for Sport and at the Olympic Games.

Andreozzi earned his law degree from the University of Chicago in 1983 after graduating *magna cum laude* from Yale University. He has worked at Mayer Brown since 1991. Andreozzi was selected for inclusion in the *Chambers USA* directory of leading lawyers for business for the past three years and was also included in *Lawdragon* magazine’s listing of “500 New Stars” for 2006.

Delaney also earned his law degree, with honors, from the University of Chicago in 1989. He received his bachelor’s degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, *magna*

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cum laude with highest distinction with election to Phi Beta Kappa. He has worked at Mayer Brown since 1989.

Lasko received his J.D., *cum laude*, from Harvard Law School in 1987 after graduation from Grinnell College, with honors and election to Phi Beta Kappa. He has worked at Mayer Brown since 1991.

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