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## **Employee Benefits Lawyer Jason S. Luter Joins Drinker Biddle in Dallas**

*Expands the firm's employee benefits team and transaction-based capabilities*

DALLAS – National law firm Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP is expanding its employee benefits capabilities with the addition of partner Jason S. Luter to its Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation Group. He will be based in the Dallas office.

Mr. Luter advises clients on all aspects of employee benefits, ERISA and executive compensation matters, including plan design, tax qualification and implications, administration, fiduciary responsibility, ESOPs, and compliance with and litigation involving ERISA. He represents clients in disputes with the IRS and DOL and in defending audits of welfare and pension benefit plans.

“Jason will be an important addition to the continuing expansion of our national employee benefits and executive compensation group,” said Andrew C. Kassner, chairman and CEO of Drinker Biddle. “His extensive benefits and transactional experience deepens Drinker Biddle’s bench of skilled attorneys in one of our important practice areas.”

Mr. Luter’s clients include Fortune 500 companies, privately held companies, governmental and quasi-governmental entities, and tax-exempt entities, as well as trustees, lenders, management groups and fiduciaries involved with ESOPs. His work in executive compensation includes handling complex issues related to Code Sections 409A deferred compensation and 280G change in control or “golden parachute” arrangements.

“Jason brings significant experience in ERISA, tax controversy and employment litigation matters to the team,” said Sarah Bassler Millar, chair of Drinker Biddle’s Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation Group. “Many large companies have their headquarters in Dallas, and he will be a great partner in cultivating new opportunities in the city and region for the firm. We’re excited to have him on board.”

Mr. Luter earned his J.D. from Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, and his LL.M. in Taxation from Georgetown University Law Center.

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