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WINSTON & STRAWN CONTINUES GROWTH; ADDS 19 LITIGATION, CORPORATE, REAL ESTATE, ENERGY AND IP ATTORNEYS

SAN FRANCISCO, LOS ANGELES and NEW YORK, November 19, 2008 – In a year marked by exceptional growth, Winston & Strawn LLP announced today the addition of 19 attorneys to its West Coast and New York offices whose practices focus on complex litigation, private equity, international transactions, real estate, energy and intellectual property law. Partners Paul R. Griffin, Jonathan R. Howden, Richard A. Lapping, Kit Choy Loke, Dirk R. Mueller, Robert L. Nelson Jr. and Robert B. Pringle join the firm’s San Francisco office; Jarrett L. Fugh will reside in the Los Angeles office, and Jonathan S. Bristol joins in New York. In San Francisco, Dean Morehous joins the firm as of counsel, along with nine associates. All were previously with Thelen LLP.

“We are extremely pleased to continue a remarkable year of strategic growth for the firm and welcome these attorneys to our offices,” said Tom Fitzgerald, managing partner of Winston & Strawn. “The depth of their experience will complement our existing core transactional and litigation practices and reinforce the firm’s reputation for handling high stakes deals and bet-the-company law suits.”

Pringle, Griffin and Howden bring a well-established antitrust and commercial litigation practice. Loke, Fugh and Mueller have deep experience representing companies in the hospitality, private investment and energy industries for transactional needs. Nelson and Bristol handle private equity, project finance and real estate matters globally. Lapping brings his

restructuring and bankruptcy practice to the firm's strong restructuring and insolvency practice. Morehaus is known for his trial skills in intellectual property, insurance coverage and general litigation.

Since the beginning of 2008, and including this new group of attorneys, Winston & Strawn has opened two offices in Charlotte, N.C., and Hong Kong*, while adding 40 partners, four of counsel and 28 associates. The firm climbed five spots in the recently released 2008 *National Law Journal* 250 Survey of law firms, based on size, and is now ranked 26th on the list.

Winston & Strawn LLP is an international commercial law firm with nearly 1,100 attorneys in 12 offices. www.winston.com.

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* Winston & Strawn has begun the process of formalizing its presence in mainland China and Hong Kong where it will be formally affiliated with a local partnership.

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“This is an exciting time of growth for our office. These additions further expand and enrich our energy, real estate, finance, intellectual property and litigation practices. We look forward to working with such gifted attorneys, and our clients will surely benefit from their expertise,” said Charles Birenbaum, managing partner of Winston & Strawn’s San Francisco office.

Paul Griffin has extensive experience in antitrust litigation, including cartel and price fixing cases, grand jury investigations, merger analyses and challenges, monopolization, price discrimination and unfair competition. He is considered one of California's leading experts on gift cards and has led the defense of numerous class action lawsuits alleging violations of California's stringent gift card law. Griffin is formerly vice chair of Thelen's antitrust practice group. He earned his juris doctor from the University of Michigan Law School.

Jonathan Howden is a commercial litigator who concentrates his practice in white collar, corporate compliance and antitrust matters. Before entering private practice, he served for nearly 20 years as assistant United States attorney for the Northern District of California. Lowden was part of the team that successfully prosecuted former Ukrainian Prime Minister Pavel Lazarenko for money laundering, wire fraud and transportation of stolen property. He earned his juris doctor from the University of California, Hastings College of Law.

Richard Lapping focuses on business reorganization and bankruptcy, as well as commercial litigation. He advises businesses on debt restructuring, trust formation, acquisitions and divestitures. Lapping also works with corporations, limited liability companies and partnerships on creditors' rights, governance and control issues. He has experience with securitization and energy transactions and sits on the University of California Hastings 1066 Foundation Board of Trustees. He received his juris doctor from the University of California, Hastings College of Law.

Kit Choy Loke counsels clients on the acquisition, management and divestiture of real estate, regulatory compliance by foreign investors, entity formation and governance, and hotel development and management transactions. Conversant in Bahasa Melayu, Cantonese and Mandarin Chinese, she also represents U.S. investors in business opportunities in East Asia. Loke received her juris doctor and LL.M. from University of California, Berkeley School of Law, and an LL.B. from the National University of Singapore.

Dean Morehous has more than 23 years of experience in litigation matters. He has expertise in intellectual property, insurance coverage and commercial litigation. Morehous also has substantial experience in failed system, software and technology defect claims. He earned his juris doctor from the University of California, Davis.

Dirk Mueller focuses on real estate and energy transactions, project development and project finance. He represents clients in connection with acquisitions, dispositions, project development, joint ventures, construction, mezzanine and shared appreciation loans and project finance transactions. With more than 15 years of experience, Mueller has extensive experience with financing and development of wind, solar, geothermal and natural gas-fired energy projects. Mueller received his juris doctor from the University of California, Berkeley School of Law.

Robert Nelson concentrates his practice on energy/infrastructure, cross-border transactions (especially involving Asia), and private equity. He has done more development and financing work for solar energy projects than any other practicing lawyer in the world today, and has been named as one of the leading energy and project finance lawyers in the world by *Euromoney* and other prestigious publications. As former co-chair of Thelen's Asian practice group, Nelson worked extensively throughout the region, with emphasis on China and India. He received his juris doctor from Columbia University.

Robert Pringle focuses his practice in antitrust, unfair competition, securities and complex commercial litigation. Formerly firmwide chair of Thelen's antitrust and competition practice, he has been active in criminal grand jury matters, contested mergers and a variety of civil litigation. Pringle has acted as counsel for numerous *Fortune* 200 and global 500 companies. Recently he served as lead counsel in a worldwide cartel criminal investigation and subsequent class action. He received his juris doctor from Duke University School of Law.

Associates: Eva Chan, Marcus Colabianchi, Seagrump Gilbert, Laura Guillen, Jinjian Huang, Sean Meenan, Takako Morita, Justin Pauls and Jonathan Swartz

Los Angeles Office

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“We look forward to Jarrett joining the Los Angeles office. During this economic climate, his vast knowledge of the technology and financial intricacies involved in the hospitality and real estate industries will augment our real estate and restructuring and insolvency practices,” said Laura Petroff, managing partner of Winston & Strawn’s Los Angeles office.

Jarrett Fugh advises clients in the hospitality and resort industries with regard to real estate and technology. He focuses on real estate finance and capital markets lending, including restructuring of syndicated, mezzanine and securitized loans and construction financing for major commercial, residential and hospitality properties. Fugh also handles mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, strategic alliances and venture capital financings. He received his juris doctor, with honors, from the George Washington University Law School.

New York Office

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“Jonathan is a welcome addition to the New York office. His experience in the real estate and corporate finance sectors will afford greater opportunities to service and support our clients in these areas,” said Jonathan Goldstein, managing partner of Winston & Strawn’s New York office.

Jonathan Bristol focuses on real estate and private equity transactions, including debt and equity financings, international investment funds, real estate loans, hotel and hospitality industry projects, and the purchase and sale of real estate holdings. Bristol holds a juris doctor from the University of Virginia School of Law.