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WINSTON & STRAWN WELCOMES PROMINENT TRIAL ATTORNEY ROBERT RUYAK TO ITS GLOBAL LITIGATION TEAM

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Winston & Strawn LLP announced today that Robert F. Ruyak has joined its global litigation practice in Washington, D.C. as a partner. Ruyak is one of the nation's most accomplished first-chair trial lawyers whose resume includes successful representations of high-profile corporate clients involved in complex commercial litigation and investigations. His diverse experience includes high-stakes antitrust, intellectual property, insurance recovery, international trade, government contract, product liability, and securities disputes covering a wide range of industries and technologies.

During his more than 35 years in private practice, in addition to his commercial litigation work, Ruyak has also represented individuals and corporations in civil and criminal investigations and in cases brought by the U.S. Department of Justice, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Federal Trade Commission, the Department of Agriculture, the Internal Revenue Service, and other federal and state agencies, as well as State Attorneys' General offices. In addition, he has served as lead counsel for major arbitrations in the United States, Bermuda, and the United Kingdom.

"Recruiting a partner of Bob's caliber and experience is clearly a coup for Winston," said firm Chairman Dan K. Webb. "I am very excited about working with Bob to expand our litigation and trial practice."

Ruyak was most recently Managing Partner/CEO of Howrey LLP, as well as Chairman of its Executive Committee. During his tenure at Howrey, he burnished his national reputation

for excellence in trial advocacy and became a closely watched innovator in litigation and trial techniques.

“We are delighted that Bob has joined Winston’s global litigation team,” said the firm’s managing partner Thomas Fitzgerald. “We welcome Bob’s strong relationships with some of America’s finest corporations, and our clients will welcome his commitment to delivering excellent client service.”

Added Tom Mills, head of Winston’s Washington, D.C. office, “We are delighted that Bob has chosen Winston as the new home for his trial practice, and to help us to significantly expand, both in Washington and nationally, our antitrust and patent litigation and trial practices.”

Ruyak’s clients have included such corporate leaders as Apple, American Airlines, Boston Scientific, General Electric Healthcare, Intel, Johnson & Johnson, LTV Corporation, Mead Corporation, Procter & Gamble, SAP, Samsung Electronics, Sun Microsystems, Eaton Corporation, and Verizon Communications.

“This is truly a wonderful opportunity. I look forward to working with my new colleagues across this extraordinary firm, many of whom I’ve had the pleasure to work with on numerous matters over the years,” said Ruyak. “I’m particularly pleased to become a part of Winston’s renowned global litigation team and look forward to further developing its scope, depth, and prominence.”

Ruyak earned his J.D. from Georgetown University. He clerked for the Honorable John J. Sirica, U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

Winston & Strawn LLP is an international commercial law firm with 15 offices in North America, Asia, and Europe. More information about the firm is available at www.winston.com.

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