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## **Former US DOT General Counsel and Delta Air Lines Executive Joins Chicago Office of Riley Safer Holmes & Cancila as Of Counsel**

Riley Safer Holmes & Cancila LLP (RSHC) proudly announces the addition of another preeminent attorney with substantial in-house, government, and law firm experience to the firm. Robert S. Rivkin, former General Counsel of the United States Department of Transportation and Senior Vice President for Regulatory and International Affairs and Deputy General Counsel of Delta Air Lines, has joined the Chicago office of RSHC as Of Counsel.

Mr. Rivkin's notable career includes serving as General Counsel and Deputy General Counsel for major corporations and governmental agencies (Delta Air Lines, United States Department of Transportation, Aon Corporation, and the Chicago Transit Authority) as well as serving as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois. Appointed by President Barack Obama as the 21<sup>st</sup> General Counsel of the United States Department of Transportation (DOT), he played a key role in a number of programs and initiatives including the *Cash for Clunkers* program and the Toyota vehicle recalls. He received the DOT Secretary's Gold Medal Award for Outstanding Achievement in both 2010 and 2011.

Ron Safer, Administrative Partner, said, "Bob has a uniquely diverse background that fits perfectly with our goal of building a firm around clients. He has sat in the client's shoes and solved problems from every angle. He has been a federal prosecutor, a regulator at the highest levels of federal and local government, in-house counsel for a major airline and a law firm partner. It is hard to imagine someone who is better suited to take on and resolve our clients' most difficult issues." Patricia Brown Holmes, named partner and past Chicago Bar Association President added, "He is calm, cool and collected in the most heated situations. He will bring great camaraderie and wonderful energy and ideas to our firm."

"I am delighted to join RSHC's group of talented attorneys," noted Rivkin. "RSHC stands apart in its ability and commitment to provide wise counsel, dedicated client service and impressive results, all in the context of a professional culture that reminds many of us why we entered the practice of law in the first place."

Rivkin has substantial experience with government regulation in the U.S. and abroad, internal investigations, white collar criminal defense, commercial litigation and corporate counseling. He knows firsthand the challenges and demands that general counsel and their teams face.

Rivkin is the latest in a growing number of law firm practitioners and former General Counsel who have joined RSHC in its mission to build a firm that nimbly meets the complex needs of clients today and in the future.

## **About Riley Safer Holmes & Cancila LLP**

RSHC is a national litigation practice with offices in Chicago, San Francisco and New York that opened its doors March 1, 2016. The partnership team features leaders in many fields of litigation including class actions, white collar, product liability, intellectual property and general litigation. Diversity begins with the names on the door and extends through the partnership and associates ranks.

Twenty-one partners joined together to seize the opportunity to form a firm that could better adapt to the ever-changing needs of clients and the changing dynamic of the workforce. They were soon joined by Partners, Jacob Kahn, Ryan Poscablo (NY), and Dave Resnicoff, and Of Counsel, Kevin Byrne (former General Counsel for the Illinois Governor's Office of Management and Budget), Susan Lichtenstein (former Senior Vice President for Corporate Affairs and Chief Legal Officer of Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc.), and Brian Neff (NY); as well as 20 associates. RSHC is now home to almost 50 lawyers, seven of whom are former Assistant United States District Attorneys.

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