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Chapman and Cutler Elects Four Attorneys to Partnership

New partner class reflects firm's strengths in banking and corporate finance/securities

CHICAGO (April 2, 2007) – **Chapman and Cutler LLP** announced that it has elected four new partners from its banking and corporate finance practices. The new partners – **Lisa M. Anagnostopoulos, H. Richard Hagen, David J. LaSota, and Amy L. Olshansky** – are all resident in the firm's Chicago office.

The newly named partners reflect the breadth of Chapman's work in financial services. The four attorneys have experience in a cross-section of practice disciplines including secured and unsecured lending, public finance, mergers and acquisitions, real estate investment, lease finance, private placements, debt and equity offerings and asset securitization.

"We are pleased to welcome Lisa, Richard, David and Amy to the partnership – their range of experience is a telling snapshot of the full sweep of our financial practice," said **Richard Cosgrove**, chief executive partner of Chapman and Cutler. "We pride ourselves on the high-level work we provide banks, issuers and financial institutions. Our new partners have contributed significantly to our success in this dynamic sector and we look forward to them becoming even more integral to their respective practice groups."

Chapman's banking practice represents a wide variety of lending institutions. The firm's attorneys focus on commercial lending and real estate, credit enhancement, bank regulatory matters, consumer financial services, and payment products and systems. The corporate finance and securities group represents financial institutions and issuers in connection with public and private offerings of debt and equity securities. Representative transactions include domestic and cross-border private placements and Rule 144A offerings, public offerings, private equity, mezzanine and project finance.

New Partner Backgrounds:

Lisa Anagnostopoulos is a member of the firm's Banking Department. She focuses on commercial lending and real estate, private equity firm lending, loan syndications and trading, commercial lending and agribusiness finance. Ms. Anagnostopoulos joined Chapman in 2000 and received her law degree in 1997 from DePaul University College of Law. She received an undergraduate degree, *cum laude*, from Bradley University in 1993.

H. Richard Hagen is a member of the firm's Corporate Finance and Securities Department. He practices in the areas of municipal reinvestment products, mortgage and other asset-backed finance (both taxable and tax-exempt) and tax-exempt derivative products. Mr. Hagen also acts as underwriter's counsel to numerous investment banking firms in connection with the offering and sale of tax-exempt securities, and has represented several multibillion dollar clients in mergers and acquisitions and divestitures. Mr. Hagen joined Chapman in 1998 and received his law degree, from the University of Illinois in 1997 with honors. He received an undergraduate degree in accounting from the University of St. Francis, *summa cum laude*, in 1990. Mr. Hagen has been a CPA for over sixteen years and brings that experience to his law practice.

David LaSota is a member of the firm's Corporate Finance and Securities Department. He practices in the area of private placements (secured and unsecured debt) with particular focus on real estate financing, energy related financing and credit tenant loans. He joined Chapman in 1998 and graduated *magna cum laude* from University of Notre Dame Law School in 1998. He received an undergraduate degree, *magna cum laude*, from University of Illinois in 1994.

Amy Olshansky is a member of the firm's Corporate Finance and Securities Department. She represents financial institutions and other businesses in secured and unsecured financings including real estate, public utilities, and sports finance, as well as general corporate financings. Ms. Olshansky joined Chapman in 2001. She received a dual JD/MBA degree from the University of Notre Dame in 1998 and received an undergraduate degree from Cornell University in 1994.

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