

**DLA Piper Strengthens Securities Litigation Practice Group in Los Angeles
With Addition of Patrick Hunnius**

(Los Angeles), July 6, 2010 – DLA Piper announced today that Patrick Hunnius has joined the firm as Senior Counsel in its Litigation practice in Los Angeles. Hunnius joins DLA Piper from White & Case in Los Angeles.

Hunnus has a wide range of experience in securities and complex business litigation, including defending numerous clients in securities class actions and in shareholder derivative actions. In addition, he regularly represents both individuals and issuers in Securities and Exchange Commission and Department of Justice inquiries concerning Foreign Corrupt Practices (FCPA) compliance, restatements of SEC filings, alleged insider trading and alleged misstatements in public filings.

Earlier in his career, Hunnius was an SEC enforcement attorney and for several years was the supervisor in charge of the Pacific Regional Office's Internet Branch. At the Commission, he managed teams of attorneys who investigated and litigated a wide range of cases, including financial fraud, offering fraud, insider trading, market manipulation and alleged failures to supervise.

"Patrick's unique insight of the SEC's strategic approach from a compliance and enforcement perspective will be invaluable to clients as the pace and intensity of government investigations continues to increase," said Perrie Weiner, International Co-Chair of DLA Piper's Securities Litigation practice. "We have experienced rapid continual growth in our securities and regulatory practice nationally, and are pleased to welcome him to the firm."

Hunnus received a B.A. from the University of Texas at Austin, and a J.D. from the University of Texas School of Law.