

**Littler Mendelson Expands National Litigation Presence
Margaret A. Clemens to Open Littler's 49th Office in Rochester, New York**

Rochester, New York (October 20, 2009) - Littler Mendelson, P.C. (Littler), the nation's largest employment and labor law firm representing management, is pleased to announce the addition of Margaret A. ("Maggie") Clemens, a Rochester-based, nationally recognized ERISA litigator. Ms. Clemens recently joined Littler to open its 49th office in Rochester, New York.

Clemens is a much sought-after trial attorney with significant experience in ERISA and employment litigation – with a specialization in trial and appellate work. She has worked with some of the nation's largest employers and has counseled clients in a variety of industries, including: manufacturing, communications, health care, higher education, and technology and defense. Clemens joins Littler from the Rochester office of Nixon Peabody LLP, where she was a partner and the chair of that firm's ERISA litigation practice group.

"We are thrilled that Maggie has decided to join the Littler team. Her depth of knowledge and experience working with Fortune 100 companies and counseling clients on their complex ERISA and employment litigation needs will strengthen Littler's presence in the Northeast," said Marko Mrkonich, president and managing director of the Firm.

"Rochester is an important business community and the headquarters of major private and educational corporations with employment needs nationally and internationally," added Mrkonich. "An attorney of Maggie's caliber only enhances our ability to deliver superior client service to organizations based throughout New York, the Northeast and globally.

Clemens has handled complex ERISA cases, including class actions, including recent cases in the United States Supreme Court. She has authored articles and has conducted numerous seminars on developments in both the ERISA litigation and employment law areas, including: strategies for avoiding lawsuits; recent developments in ERISA and the laws prohibiting discrimination in employment; the preservation of documents and electronic discovery; violence in the workplace; and workplace harassment.

"I see Littler as the gold standard in employment and labor law," said Clemens. "I'm very pleased to be joining the leading firm in this area and working with peers that share the same unwavering commitment to exceptional client service," she added. "Littler's expansive national platform will enable me to serve my clients more effectively while allowing the Firm to provide employment and labor legal services to more employers throughout this region."

Clemens, a long-time resident of the Rochester area, has deep roots in the community. She is a summa cum laude graduate of the State University of New York at Albany and received her J.D., magna cum laude, from Albany Law School. Among other awards, she was recognized by the Women's Council of the Rochester Business Alliance as a finalist for the *Athena Award*, which recognizes local women for their professional and community service achievements. She currently serves on the Board of Directors for Alternatives for Battered Women and is co-chair of the Greater Rochester Area Women's Bar Association (GRAWA) Diversity Committee.

The Rochester office is located at 160 Linden Oaks, Suite C, Rochester, NY 14625.