

Shugrue Joins Former Colleagues at Reed Smith Reed Smith Attracts another High-Profile Insurance Recovery Litigator

(July 21, 2008, Chicago) – Reed Smith LLP announces the addition of John Shugrue as a new partner in its Insurance Recovery Group, resident in the firm’s Chicago office, effective immediately.

Mr. Shugrue was formerly a partner at Morgan, Lewis & Bockius in Chicago. The move reunites him with several of his former colleagues in the insurance recovery practice of Morgan Lewis who transitioned to Reed Smith during 2007.

“John is a well-established, nationally known, and highly regarded policyholder advocate and litigator,” said Doug Cameron, head of Reed Smith’s firmwide Insurance Recovery Group. “With an international and a U.S.-wide platform, he brings a substantial range of experience to our Group. We know John will make major contributions that will sustain the growth and expand the reputation of this practice.”

A 1987 honors graduate of the University of North Carolina School of Law, Mr. Shugrue has a practice that focuses on representing policyholders in complex litigation and insurance coverage matters involving Commercial General Liability, Directors & Officers, Errors & Omissions, First Party Property and Business Interruption, Pollution Liability and Fidelity coverage. In addition to wide experience with all major U.S. insurers, he is experienced in litigation, mediation and arbitration with Lloyd’s of London, and other London and Bermuda market insurers.

After launching his legal career at Jenner & Block in Chicago, Mr. Shugrue became a partner there in 1995. In 2000, he joined Zevnik Horton, a national policyholder firm, as a partner in its Chicago office. In 2003, when Zevnik merged with Morgan Lewis, **he opened and became the Managing Partner of Morgan’s Chicago office.**

Mr. Shugrue is a former co-chair of the American Bar Association Litigation Section's Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee. He twice co-chaired the

Committee's annual meeting, and co-chaired a bi-partisan American Bar Association task force that prepared the *Manual for Complex Insurance Coverage Litigation*.

Recognized as one of the top policyholder insurance practitioners in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers* for the past six years, and in *Best Lawyers in America* for the past three years, Mr. Shugrue also co-authored the treatise *Insurance Coverage Dispute*, published by Law Journal Press. He writes and lectures often on insurance coverage topics, including business interruption claims, environmental insurance coverage, coverage for emerging areas of tort liability, use of ADR in insurance disputes, and special issues relating to Lloyd's of London and the London insurance market.

"The ease with which my former colleagues have been integrated into Reed Smith's Insurance Recovery Group has been remarkable," Mr. Shugrue said. "I am confident that I'll enjoy the same strong start here and gain an expanded platform from which to continue providing exceptional service to all of our clients. Reed Smith's Insurance Recovery Group has an unparalleled combination of substantive knowledge and experience within a geographically diverse footprint that truly positions the firm at the forefront of policyholder coverage practice."

"John brings an exceptional client base and a wealth of experience to our Midwest and national presence," said Michael A. LoVallo, Managing Partner of Reed Smith's Chicago office. "Insurance recovery has always been a strong practice for this office and we are delighted that exceptional lawyers like John continue to view joining our ranks as a way of elevating their practice to the highest level."

Building a top-tier Insurance Recovery practice is a high priority for Reed Smith. Seven lawyers joined the Group from Morgan Lewis within the past seven months. The practice also added 20 insurance recovery attorneys in New York, Chicago and Philadelphia as part of a 55-attorney group from Anderson Kill & Olick that joined Reed Smith in early 2008. John Vishneski, a former Chicago managing partner at Mayer Brown, also joined the Group in Chicago in late 2007. With these additions, Reed Smith's Insurance Recovery Group has grown to more than 60 lawyers throughout the United States and the UK.

