

Partner Sharon R. Flanagan Named as Managing Partner of Sidley Austin's San Francisco Office

San Francisco – Sidley Austin LLP has announced that Sharon R. Flanagan, a partner in the firm’s corporate practice, has been appointed Managing Partner of the San Francisco office. Ms. Flanagan will succeed Paul Pringle, a capital markets partner, who has served as the office’s Managing Partner since 2003.

Ms. Flanagan has an active corporate practice, which includes mergers & acquisitions, securities offerings and corporate governance matters. She has worked on major transactions for clients such as eBay, Genentech and KKR Financial. Many of her recent deals have been cross-border transactions involving companies in Asia and the E.U. She also has been active in Sidley’s technology practice and global life sciences initiative. She has served on a number of firm administrative committees and has been the hiring partner for the San Francisco office since 2004. In recognition of her achievements, Ms. Flanagan was named by Law360 as one of its 10 corporate finance legal stars under 40.

“Sharon played a central role in the strategic planning and implementation of the opening of Sidley’s Palo Alto office in late 2009,” said Anne E. Rea, the member of Sidley’s Management Committee responsible for its West Coast offices. “As Managing Partner of the San Francisco office, Sharon will continue Sidley’s expansion in Northern California, using our global platform and established practices in key areas that are critical to both established and emerging companies.”

Sidley’s San Francisco office serves national and international clients across a range of industries. Key practice areas include corporate, mergers & acquisitions, finance, antitrust, securities litigation, commercial litigation, intellectual property litigation and health care regulation.

Sidley Austin LLP is one of the world’s largest full-service law firms, with approximately 1700 lawyers practicing in 17 U.S. and international cities, including Beijing, Brussels, Frankfurt, Geneva, Hong Kong, London, Shanghai, Singapore, Sydney and Tokyo. Every year since 2003, Sidley has been named to *Legal Business’* Global Elite, its designation for the 18 firms “that define the pinnacle of the legal profession.” Sidley is recognized for service and responsiveness – BTI, a Boston-based research and consulting firm, has named Sidley as one of only two firms to have been in the top ten of the BTI Client Service rankings every year since the inception of those rankings in 2001, and as number one in three of those years.