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**EIGHT LATERALS JOIN WINSTON & STRAWN NEW YORK OFFICE**

*GROUP INCLUDES PROMINENT LITIGATOR MICHAEL ELKIN*

**NEW YORK CITY, February 2, 2007** — Winston & Strawn LLP announced today that prominent litigator Michael S. Elkin and seven other attorneys have joined its New York office from Thelen Reid Brown Raysman & Steiner LLP. The group consists of litigation partners Elkin, Thomas P. Lane and Shari Markowitz Savitt, and corporate attorney H. Joseph Mello, who joins as of counsel. Additionally, four litigation associates have joined the office.

Elkin is a commercial litigator whose broad experience includes focus on copyright disputes in the music, entertainment and technology fields, with recent assignments for leading technology, entertainment and new media companies in cutting edge intellectual property trials. At his previous firm, Elkin served as vice chairman and head of its 170-member litigation practice for four years. He and his team will add recognized talent and experience to Winston & Strawn's already strong national litigation practice.

"We are very pleased to welcome Michael and his team to Winston & Strawn," said Tom Frederick, the chair of Winston's litigation department. "Their capabilities and clients are an excellent fit for our litigation group, and their arrival continues our strategy of expanding this practice area in New York," added Frederick, referring to the return of partner Gerald Silver, formerly associate general counsel and head of litigation at Capgemini North America, Inc., last month.

Elkin's practice concentrates on the resolution of complex commercial disputes, with an emphasis on those involving intellectual property issues. He regularly represents clients in the sports and entertainment, hotel, banking, securities and brokerage, luxury goods, health care and computer software industries. He has resolved significant trademark, copyright and unfair competition matters, and has substantial experience in restrictive covenant, employee raiding, trade secret, rights of privacy

and publicity, and unfair competition claims. Elkin received his juris doctor from Brooklyn Law School, and master's and bachelor's degrees from Rutgers University. He also studied at the L'Universite de la Sorbonne and represents clients in connection with their investments and transactions in France.

“Bringing in this team of highly skilled lawyers continues our ongoing effort to expand the New York office by providing clients with a full array of services from lawyers recognized as the best in their chosen practices,” said Jonathan Goldstein, managing partner of the firm’s New York office.

Lane focuses his practice on complex commercial litigation in both state and federal forums. He has broad-based experience in diverse areas of law, including copyright and trademark infringement, media, entertainment and hospitality industry litigation, and professional liability. He has extensive trial experience, serving as lead counsel in more than 60 trials, and was deputy chair of the commercial litigation practice of his previous firm. Lane previously served as the Senior Trial Attorney in the Kings County District Attorney’s Office. He received his juris doctor, *cum laude*, from Tulane Law School, and his undergraduate degree from Hamilton College.

Savitt concentrates in general commercial litigation, with extensive experience in entertainment, intellectual property, employee raiding and general contract disputes. She has represented clients in jury and bench trials, injunction proceedings, arbitrations, mediations and administrative proceedings involving a wide variety of commercial disputes. Savitt is involved in litigation and pre-litigation efforts to enforce trademark and copyright interests as well as in the prosecution and defense of claims involving copyrights in musical compositions. She earned a juris doctor from the University of Pennsylvania Law School and a bachelor's degree, *cum laude*, from the University of Michigan.

Mello practices in the area of entertainment, media and intellectual property law. He represents film, television and home video production and distribution companies as well as record companies. He has particular experience in financing of entertainment properties, representing both borrowers and lenders, and in copyright and right of publicity matters. Mello earned a juris doctor from New York University and a bachelor's degree from Cornell University.

The associates joining Winston & Strawn are:

John J. Burke, who supervises, coordinates and assumes a lead role in the litigation of commercial, employment, toxic tort and product liability matters pending in either state or federal

court. He earned a juris doctor from St. John's University School of Law and a bachelor's degree, *cum laude*, from Providence College.

Daniel C. Neustadt, who is a litigator focusing on copyright and trademark infringement actions. He earned a juris doctor from New York University School of Law and a bachelor's degree, *magna cum laude*, from Northwestern University.

Allison Schrader Dunn, a commercial litigator who works on a wide variety of matters in both federal and state forums. She earned a juris doctor from Rutgers School of Law and a bachelor's degree, *summa cum laude*, from Boston College.

George T. Soterakis, who focuses on commercial litigation and international law. He earned a juris doctor from Boston University School of Law and a bachelor's degree, with honors, from The Johns Hopkins University.

Winston & Strawn LLP is an international commercial law firm with more than 850 attorneys in nine offices including Chicago, New York, Washington, D.C., Los Angeles, San Francisco, London, Paris, Geneva and Moscow. More information about the firm is available on the firm's website at [www.winston.com](http://www.winston.com).

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