

Winston & Strawn Adds Private Equity Practice to its New York Corporate Group with Arrival of Dominick DeChiara, Bradley Vaiana and 6 Others

NEW YORK CITY, November 2, 2009 — Winston & Strawn LLP announced today that it has significantly expanded its private equity practice and middle-market capabilities with the addition of Dominick P. DeChiara, Bradley C. Vaiana, Bryan C. Goldstein, and Jennifer C. Kurtis, who have joined the firm's New York office as partners. The attorneys came to Winston from Nixon Peabody, where DeChiara chaired the private equity practice. They are joined by four associates. DeChiara will co-chair the firm's private equity practice.

The team represents private equity clients and their portfolio companies in a range of middle market corporate transactions as well as the ongoing management of fund portfolio companies. The team also represents public companies in mergers and acquisitions; going-private transactions; tender offers; cross-border transactions; special committee matters; PIPE transactions; corporate restructurings, reorganizations and bankruptcies; corporate governance; and SEC compliance matters.

"We are excited to have Dom, Brad and their team join Winston," said Michael S. Elkin, managing partner of the New York office. "They bring a remarkable range of experience in the private equity market that complements Winston's preeminent private equity and corporate practices."

Said DeChiara, "We're delighted to join Winston & Strawn. The firm's expansive corporate platform, and in particular its well-known private equity fund formation practice, are a natural fit for our private equity transactional practice and will help keep our clients' sophisticated transactions on track in today's challenging environment."