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National Law Firm Chamberlain Hrdlicka Launches State and Local Tax Practice

Increasingly Complex Tax Laws and Regulations Drive Need for New "SALT" Group

HOUSTON (August 25, 2011) – National law firm Chamberlain Hrdlicka announced today the launch of a State and Local Tax (SALT) practice group with the objective of focusing on its clients' state and local tax obligations. The practice will be headquartered in Chamberlain Hrdlicka's Philadelphia office and led by Practice Chair Stewart Weintraub. Jennifer Weidler will team with Weintraub in Philadelphia; William Girmsinger, Juan Vasquez Jr. and Paul Masters will lead the SALT group in the firm's Houston office, and George Abney will lead the SALT group from the firm's Atlanta office.

"The formation of our State and Local Tax practice is a natural extension of our firm's core Tax group," said Wayne Risoli, managing partner, Chamberlain Hrdlicka. "While our Tax practice has always handled state and local issues, increasingly complex tax laws and regulations have led us to focus more intently on this sector."

The formation of the SALT practice group is Chamberlain Hrdlicka's direct response to aggressive efforts by state and local tax authorities to expand their tax bases by seeking to tax intangible assets, to push for more relaxed nexus standards, and to collect more tax revenue to relieve budget shortfalls. Chamberlain Hrdlicka believes that its SALT group will provide value to its clients by helping to plan appropriate tax compliance and to implement or defend tax savings strategies.

"One of the reasons I joined Chamberlain Hrdlicka was its commitment to expanding its State and Local Tax practice," said Weintraub. "With this announcement, the firm has demonstrated its commitment. We have significant state and local tax expertise throughout the firm. Through our diverse offices in Texas, Georgia, Pennsylvania and Colorado, we are able to service our clients' state and local tax needs throughout the United States."

Chamberlain Hrdlicka SALT lawyers have handled tax matters from the audit level and continuing through appeals to the highest courts, involving corporate and personal income tax, franchise tax, sales and use tax, real and personal property tax, fuel tax, capital stock tax, bank tax, gross receipts tax and withholding tax. The group's expertise spans various taxing jurisdictions across federal, multistate, state and local levels.

For additional information about Chamberlain Hrdlicka's State and Local Tax practice, visit the group's blog at www.SALTBlawg.com.

About Chamberlain Hrdlicka

Chamberlain Hrdlicka is a diversified business law firm with offices in Houston, Atlanta, Philadelphia, Denver and San Antonio. The firm represents both public and private companies as well as individuals and family-owned businesses across the nation. In addition to tax planning and tax controversy, the firm offers legal counsel in corporate law, securities and finance, employment law and employee benefits, energy law, estate planning and administration, intellectual property law, international and immigration law, commercial and business litigation, real estate law and construction law. For more information, please visit www.chamberlainlaw.com.

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