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Three Commercial Litigation Associates Join Farrell Fritz

Farrell Fritz is pleased to welcome **Lucia Bauknight, Matthew D. Donovan** and **Hillary A. Frommer** to its commercial litigation department as associates. Lucia will work in the firm's Uniondale office. Matthew and Hillary will work in New York City.

Lucia Bauknight was an associate at Sidley Austin LLP (New York, NY), where she litigated major complex commercial cases involving contract claims, reinsurance, bankruptcy and securities class actions. She represented corporations, investment banks, and other financial institutions in customer arbitrations and before federal agencies and regulatory bodies, including the NYSE and NASD/FINRA.

From 2001-2005, Ms. Bauknight was an associate at Clifford Chance US LLP (New York, NY). She litigated major complex commercial cases with a concentration in securities actions.

Ms. Bauknight earned her Juris Doctor degree in 2001 from New York University School of Law and her Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from Smith College in 1995. She is admitted to practice in New York State and in the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York.

Matthew D. Donovan was an associate at Wilson Elser LLP (White Plains, NY), where he managed all phases of pre-trial litigation for matters related to employee benefits (ERISA) and securities (NASD/FINRA) in New York and Connecticut courts. From November 2005 - November 2006, he served as litigation counsel to America Press, Inc. (New York, NY), where he handled matters related to advertising, employment, and trademarks for *America* magazine. Mr. Donovan was a teacher from August 1998 – July 2001 at Saint John's High School in Shrewsbury, MA.

From August 2004 – July 2005, Mr. Donovan was a Judicial Law Clerk to the Honorable Gordon W. Shumaker, Terri Stoneburner, and Bruce D. Willis of the Minnesota Court of Appeals (St. Paul, MN).

Mr. Donovan earned his Juris Doctor degree in 2004 from the University of St. Thomas School of Law, where he was an articles editor of the *University of St. Thomas Law Journal* and a National Team Member of the Moot Court. He received his M.A. in 1998 from Boston College and his B.A. in 1996 from Marquette University.

Mr. Donovan is admitted in New York; Connecticut; the United States District Courts for the Southern, Eastern and Northern Districts of New York; and the District of Connecticut. He is a member of the New York

State Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

Hillary A. Frommer was senior counsel at the New York City Law Department, Office of the Corporation Counsel, Special Federal Litigation Division, where she defended the City of New York, its agencies and employees in lawsuits brought in Federal Court pursuant to 42 U.S.C § 1983 for civil rights violations. Ms. Frommer tried seven cases before juries in the United States District Court for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York and in all of those cases, received verdicts in favor of her clients.

In addition to her work at the New York City Law Department, Ms. Frommer held positions as a pro bono research assistant for the executive director of the National Advocates for Pregnant Women (Fall 2002 – November 2002); as a litigation, health care law associate at Arent Fox Kintner Plotkin & Kahn, PLLC (New York, NY) from Fall 2000 – Fall 2002 and as an employment litigation, health care law associate at McBride Baker & Coles (Chicago, IL) from Fall 1998 – Fall 2000.

Ms. Frommer earned her Juris Doctor degree, with Honors, in 1998 from Chicago-Kent College of Law, where she was a member of the *Chicago-Kent Law Review* (1996-1998) and was the Notes and Comments Editor (1997-1998). In 1995, she received her B.A., *cum laude* in Anthropology, from Cornell University, College of Arts and Sciences.

Ms. Frommer is a member of the New York and Illinois Bars; the United States District Court for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York and the Northern District of Illinois; the American, New York State and Illinois Bar Associations, and the Association of the Bar of the City of New York.

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