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Labaton Sucharow LLP
is pleased to announce that:

Zachary M. Ratzman
and
Nicole M. Zeiss
Have been appointed Of Counsel to the
Firm

Ann E. Gittleman
Yoko Goto
Julie Hwang
Jesse Strauss
Have joined the Firm as Associates

To Our Clients and Colleagues

Talent and Reputation Matter. Fairness Counts. We concluded the latter half of 2006 by bringing in a number of new professionals to, and promoting others within, our organization. This includes the promotion to Partner of a very seasoned litigator, the addition of another strong litigator and former Labaton Sucharow retired Partner to Of Counsel, as well as the addition of eight Associates. In addition we added a number of non-attorney professionals, including a Chief Operating Officer, investigators, accountants, and administrative staff, to continue the high level of support which our attorneys and clients rely upon.

This regulated growth is a positive reflection of our continued success in all of our principal practice areas, including, institutional investor services, securities class actions, antitrust class actions, and business and entertainment law. For 2007 we will continue to provide our growing base of domestic and international institutional investor clients with full service and advice with a global perspective, having entered into exciting relationships with leading shareholder rights law firms and other shareholder advocates in Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, England, France, Austria, Poland and other European countries, as well as Canada and Australia.

We continue to achieve success on behalf of our institutional investor clients and the investing public. Most notable, this year we expect to receive final court approval of a \$285 million class action settlement where the Firm served as Lead Counsel on behalf of purchasers of El Paso Corporation securities, and a \$445 million partial settlement with HealthSouth and certain of its officers and directors where we served as Co-Lead Counsel. We continue to aggressively prosecute cases as Lead Counsel on behalf of purchasers of securities in AIG, JDS Uniphase, IBM, GM, and have recently commenced cases against Mercury Interactive, Broadcom, Take-Two Interactive and Amkor, for claims arising from the options-backdating scandal.

Our other practice areas are also seeing growth and success. Our antitrust practice group was recently appointed as Co-Lead Counsel in *In re Air Cargo Antitrust Litigation* representing businesses and consumers who allege that many international air cargo shipping providers participated in a global conspiracy to set high anticompetitive prices for their shipping services, in violation of the federal antitrust laws. The Firm also recently obtained final approval of settlements totaling almost \$73 million on behalf of a class of NYMEX Natural Gas futures traders, the second-largest commodities manipulation class action recovery on record. The case is still being prosecuted against several remaining defendants.

Labaton Sucharow is Co-Counsel for the plaintiff in a class action brought by the members of the Allman Brothers Band.

In the following pages we introduce to you the promoted and newly-hired professionals of Labaton Sucharow & Rudoff LLP. As always, we invite you to visit our website at www.labaton.com or contact me or any members of the Labaton Sucharow team to discuss any of the quality legal services we offer.

Sincerely,



Lawrence A. Sucharow
Chair, Executive Committee

Zachary M. Ratzman, Of Counsel

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Zachary M. Ratzman concentrates his practice in the area of securities fraud litigation. He has litigated the case *In re American International Group, Inc.*

Securities Litigation, for nearly three years on behalf of three Ohio pension funds and a class of defrauded investors, and has played key roles in other noteworthy actions, including *In re Bristol-Myers Squibb Securities Litigation*.

Prior to joining Labaton Sucharow, Mr. Ratzman practiced white collar criminal defense and complex commercial litigation as an associate in the New York offices of Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom LLP and Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler LLP. Prior to that, he served as a law clerk to the Honorable Harold Baer, Jr., U.S. District Judge in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York.

Mr. Ratzman maintains a strong commitment to pro bono work. He served as a non-partisan election monitor in Cleveland, Ohio during the 2004 presidential election, and has represented indigent criminal defendants throughout the appellate process in the New York state courts.

Mr. Ratzman received a B.A. from Ohio University, where he graduated *summa cum laude* and with Phi Beta Kappa honors. He earned a J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School, where he graduated magna cum laude and as a member of the Order of the Coif. While in law school, he was co-chair of the local chapter of the National Lawyers Guild and served as a teaching assistant in the University's Department of Communications Studies.

Mr. Ratzman is admitted to practice in New York and before the United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York.

Nicole M. Zeiss, Of Counsel

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Nicole M. Zeiss works principally in the area of securities class action litigation. Most recently, Ms. Zeiss transitioned into the position of Settlement Counsel. In this role, she handles the negotiation of stipulations of settlement, motions for preliminary and final approval, coordination with claims administrators, and final distributions to class members.

Before joining Labaton Sucharow, Ms. Zeiss worked for MFY Legal Services, practicing in the area of poverty law and at Gaynor & Bass doing general complex civil litigation, particularly representing the rights of freelance writers seeking copyright enforcement.

Ms. Zeiss was part of the team that successfully litigated *In re Bristol-Myers Squibb Securities Litigation*. Labaton Sucharow was able to secure a \$185 million settlement on behalf of investors, as well as meaningful corporate governance reforms that will affect future consumers and investors alike. She has also litigated on behalf of investors who have been damaged by fraud in telecommunications and banking industries.

Ms. Zeiss maintains a commitment to pro bono legal services by continuing to assist mentally ill clients in a variety of matters—from eviction proceedings to trust administration.

Ms. Zeiss earned a B.A. from Barnard College in 1991 and a J.D. from Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law in 1995. She is admitted to practice in New York.

Ann E. Gittleman, Associate

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Ann E. Gittleman concentrates her practice on prosecuting complex securities litigations on behalf of institutional investors.

Prior to joining Labaton Sucharow, Ms. Gittleman, a Certified Public Accountant, practiced securities class action litigation as an associate at another New York-based securities class action firm. Ms. Gittleman began her career at Schiavetti, Corgan, Soscia, Diedwards & Nicholson LLP,

where she worked as a litigation associate in professional liability matters before federal and state courts.

Ms. Gittleman earned a B.S. and a B.A., both *magna cum laude*, from Bryant University in 1999, and received her J.D. from Brooklyn Law School in 2004, where she was a member of both the Moot Court Honor Society and the Securities Law Association. She was also the recipient of the *Alexander and Emily Mehr Memorial Prize for Excellence in Oral Advocacy*. During law school, Ms. Gittleman worked as a Legal Assistant with the Office of the General Counsel at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP where she interacted with governmental organizations, such as the SEC, IRS and Attorney General Office, in coordinating and facilitating investigations of the firm.

Ms. Gittleman is admitted to practice in New York and The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and before the following federal courts: the United States District Court for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts, and the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut.

Yoko Goto, Associate

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Yoko Goto represents consumers and businesses in cases involving price fixing, monopolization, and other anticompetitive practices. Currently, Ms. Goto is representing clients in *In re Air Cargo Shipping Services Antitrust Litigation* and *In re Payment Card Interchange Fee and Merchant Discount Antitrust Litigation*.

Ms. Goto earned a B.A. from Hokkaido University (Sapporo, Japan) and an M.A. from Columbia University, Teachers College. She received her J.D. from Brooklyn Law School. While in law school, Ms. Goto interned at the New York City Housing Development Corporation, the Department of Consumer Affairs and the Office of General Counsel for Merrill Lynch .

Ms. Goto is fluent in Japanese and conversational in Chinese.

Ms. Goto is admitted to practice in New York. She is a member of the New York State Bar Association, the Association of the Bar of the City of New York and the New York County Lawyers' Association.

Julie Hwang, Associate

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Julie Hwang focuses her practice primarily on securities fraud litigation. Since joining the Firm, she has been a member of the team serving as Lead Counsel in the *In re General Motors Corp. Securities Litigation*.

Ms. Hwang earned a B.A. from the University of California, Los Angeles in 2003 and a J.D. from Brooklyn Law School in 2007. During law school, she served as a summer associate at Labaton Sucharow, where she researched and drafted memoranda in the areas of securities law, antitrust, civil procedure and professional responsibility. Ms. Hwang also served as a student law clerk for the Honorable Joseph M. McLaughlin, U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, and was a legal intern for the King's County District Attorney.

Ms. Hwang is proficient in Korean.

Jesse Strauss, Associate

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Jesse Strauss concentrates his practice on prosecuting complex securities litigations on behalf of institutional investors.

Prior to joining Labaton Sucharow, Mr. Strauss served as a law clerk for the Honorable Dora L. Irizarry, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York. He began his career at Blank Rome LLP, where he worked as a litigation associate. During his time there, he assisted in the trial of three matters, with one resulting in a multi-million dollar verdict in New York State Supreme Court in a fraud case.

Mr. Strauss maintains a strong commitment to pro bono work. Most recently, he traveled to Ghana for 10 weeks to assist an organization that mediates land disputes and works toward land reform.

Mr. Strauss earned a B.A. from The George Washington University in 1999, and received a J.D., *cum laude*, from Brooklyn Law School in 2003. During law school, he was the co-chair of the Brooklyn Law Students for the Public Interest as well as a Note & Comments Editor for the *Journal of Law and Policy*. In addition to being a Richardson Merit Scholar, he was also the recipient of the Edward V. Sparer Public Interest Fellowship

where he was a student law clerk for the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund in Los Angeles, CA.

Mr. Strauss is admitted to practice in New York and the United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York.

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