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TUCKER ELLIS & WEST LLP ELECTS JOE MORFORD MANAGING PARTNER

The national law firm of Tucker Ellis & West is pleased to announce the selection of Joe Morford, a partner resident in the firm's Cleveland office, as its new Managing Partner.

“Joe is an outstanding choice to lead our firm in its next phase of growth and good fortune,” said Curt Isler, who has served as Managing Partner since 2008. “His vision, energy and leadership skills are a great match for where we are heading in the coming years.”

Mr. Morford, formerly the Co-Chair of the firm's nationally regarded Mass Tort & Product Liability Practice Group, was a leader in setting the firm on its current path. “In 2003, we set out to create a different and better law firm. I'm proud and gratified by what, together, we've achieved. Each day more and more clients – locally and nationally – welcome our focus on accomplishments versus billable hours; and both our clients and our own team members appreciate our dedication to meaningful training and mentoring. I feel very lucky to have been asked to lead the great people in our firm, and look forward to building on our strong foundation.”

Tucker Ellis & West has been recently cited in *The American Lawyer* and *Corporate Counsel* magazines for its innovations in alternative fee arrangements. The *National Law Journal* recently recognized the firm on its “Hot List” of the top 20 mid-sized law firms in

America. Since it's founding in 2003, the firm has grown each year and has built on its reputation as a powerful national litigation firm with a sophisticated regional transactional practice serving clients throughout the country.

Mr. Morford received his undergraduate degree from the University of Notre Dame and his J.D. from the Loyola University (Chicago) School of Law. He is a member of the Defense Research Institute, the Ohio Bar Association, the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, and the Judge John M. Manos Inn of Court. He serves as a magistrate judge for the City of Shaker Heights Juvenile Court Diversion Program, and is active in, and sits on, the boards of many community organizations. Joe and his wife Sheri are Shaker Heights residents, and the proud parents of four children ages 15, 14, 12, and 8.

Tucker Ellis & West LLP is a full service law firm of over 150 attorneys with offices in Cleveland and Columbus, Ohio, Denver, Colorado, and Los Angeles and San Francisco, California. The firm is proud to service a *Fortune 250* list of national litigation clients, the largest D&O and insurance carriers in the world, national and international patent clientele, and sophisticated transactional/business clients.

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