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Dickstein Shapiro LLP-Washington D.C., Joins ALFA International, the Global Legal Network

(Washington D.C.) APRIL 8, 2009—ALFA International is pleased to announce the addition of Dickstein Shapiro LLP (www.dicksteinshapiro.com), Washington D.C. office, to its network of global law firm members.

Dickstein Shapiro LLP, founded in 1953, is a multiservice law firm with more than 400 attorneys in Washington, DC, New York and Los Angeles. The firm's clients include more than 100 of the *Fortune* 500 companies, start-up ventures and entrepreneurs, multinational corporations, leading financial institutions, major motion picture studios, charitable organizations, and government officials. Dickstein Shapiro's core practice groups—Antitrust & Dispute Resolution, Business & Securities Law, Corporate & Finance, Energy, Government Law & Strategy, Insurance Coverage, and Intellectual Property—involve the firm in virtually every major form of counseling, litigation, and advocacy.

“We're excited to welcome the Washington D.C. office of Dickstein Shapiro to the ALFA International portfolio of member firms, states Richard Hetke, CEO of ALFA International. “Washington D.C. demands a firm that can provide legal, regulatory and trade expertise to global businesses as they navigate and comply with the broad spectrum of U.S. federal business regulations. With 132 independent law firm members around the globe, ALFA member attorneys want to ensure that their clients can and will be well represented in front of all agencies of the U.S. Government. We feel quite confident that our newest member, Dickstein Shapiro will do just that; provide tier-one legal representation for our members' local, national and global clients.”

According to Dickstein & Shapiro Partner and ALFA International contact, Ira Polon, “Our clients operate across the United States and around the world. The ALFA International model of connecting clients with highly qualified business attorneys around the globe is a natural fit. We are also ready to provide the necessary assistance to clients of our fellow ALFA

members as they confront the complexities of regulatory and administrative issues in front of the wide array of U.S. Government agencies."

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ALFA International, the global legal network, (www.alfainternational.com) is an organization of independent law firms. ALFA International's membership is comprised of 133 international law firms (85 U.S. based firms, 48 non U.S. based firms) employing over 8,500 lawyers and 10,000 other legal professionals. Member firms are located in nearly every U.S. state as well as in Canada, Mexico, across Europe, Latin America, South America, and the Pacific Rim. ALFA International's basic objective, accomplished through its member firms and their activities, is to improve the quality and efficiency of legal services and to provide those services to clients within a reasonable and value oriented cost formula across jurisdictions around the world.

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