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Agati Joins Hahn Loeser & Parks LLP

June 15, 2009 — Cleveland, OH – Andrew Agati has joined Hahn Loeser & Parks LLP as a partner headquartered in the firm's Cleveland office, it was announced by Lawrence E. Oscar, Managing Partner and CEO of the firm. Mr. Agati will also maintain an office in Albany, New York, near his home, from which he will work remotely when not in Cleveland.

"Based on his local connections to Northeast Ohio and national reputation as a top litigator, Mr. Agati is a tremendous addition to our Cleveland office," said Oscar.

Among his accomplishments, Mr. Agati has been recognized by *The Legal 500 U.S.* as a rising star in the in the product liability, mass tort defense, and automotive/transport areas. Other accolades include recognition as a "Future Star," by *Benchmark: Litigation*, being named an "Ohio Rising Star," by *Law & Politics*, and an AV-Rating from Martindale-Hubbell.

Mr. Agati has a wealth of litigation experience, having defended large, publicly-traded companies in complex matters throughout the United States. Some of his most recent experience includes: representing multinational corporations in the successful defense of environmental and mass tort litigation, obtaining a defense verdict as lead trial counsel in a month-long wrongful death product liability trial, serving as regional counsel for toxic tort matters, and representing a variety of clients in the commercial litigation context ranging from a dispute regarding the syndication of a loan credit facility to the enforcement of trade secrets and trademarks.

Mr. Agati is a member of the Defense Research Institute, the International Association of Defense Counsel, the American Bar Association, and the Ohio Bar Association. He is a former chair of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association's Litigation Section, and formerly taught a pretrial litigation course as an adjunct professor of law at Case Western Reserve University School of Law.

His educational background includes a J.D., *magna cum laude*, Order of the Coif, from the Case Western Reserve University School of Law, where he also served as Articles Editor for the Law Review, and a B.A., *magna cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa, from Allegheny College. Mr. Agati is admitted to practice in Ohio, New York, and Illinois; before the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Sixth and Eleventh Circuits, and the U.S. District Courts for the Southern District of Illinois, the Eastern District of Michigan, the Northern and Southern Districts of Ohio, and the Southern District of New York. Mr. Agati comes to Hahn Loeser from Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, where he was a partner first in Cleveland, and then in New York City.

Established in 1920, Hahn Loeser & Parks LLP is a full-service law firm of more than 120 attorneys with offices in Cleveland, Columbus, and Akron, Ohio; and Naples and Fort Myers, Florida. More information on the firm can be found at www.hahnlaw.com.

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