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RUTTER HOBBS & DAVIDOFF ANNOUNCES NEW PARTNERS RICHARD HONG AND PAUL J. LAURIN, NEW LITIGATOR RISA J. MORRIS

*Hong Joins Firm from Jeffer, Mangels, Butler & Marmaro LLP,
Laurin from Laurin & Associates, Morris from Folger, Levin & Kahn LLP*

LOS ANGELES (March 1, 2010) – Los Angeles-based law firm Rutter Hobbs & Davidoff Incorporated today announced the appointment of partners Richard Hong and Paul J. Laurin, and litigation associate Risa J. Morris. Hong joins the firm from Jeffer, Mangels, Butler & Marmaro LLP, while Laurin served previously as principal of Laurin & Associates. Morris was formerly an associate with Folger, Levin & Kahn LLP. These announcements follow the recent hiring of partner Wesley Hurst and litigator Christopher Fowler, signaling the firm’s sustained growth in the breadth and depth of the services and experience it offers clients.

Hong, a seasoned business transactional attorney, will assist Rutter Hobbs & Davidoff in the expansion of its corporate department. Laurin will support the firm in his practice areas of business litigation related to real estate, creditors’ rights, insolvency and general business. Morris specializes in complex commercial litigation, employment litigation and counseling, and the representation of lawyers and law firms.

“We’re very pleased to welcome Richard Hong, Paul Laurin and Risa Morris to our firm as we continue to expand and thrive, even in today’s challenging landscape,” said Brian L. Davidoff, managing director, Rutter Hobbs & Davidoff. “Each brings a strong background and experience that will enhance our capacity to service our clients at the highest level.”

Hong will augment Rutter Hobbs & Davidoff’s corporate practice with his skill in counseling clients on operational matters, mergers, acquisitions and divestitures. He obtained his juris doctorate from Pepperdine University School of Law and his bachelor’s degree in international relations from the University of Southern California. Prior to becoming a lawyer, Hong was a competitive boxer and still trains occasionally today. He resides in the Los Angeles neighborhood of Westwood, Calif.

Laurin has successfully represented numerous companies, banks and individuals in various state, federal and bankruptcy courts. He also is a member of the Judicial Appointments Committee, Los Angeles County Bar Association, Los Angeles Bankruptcy Forum, California Receiver's Forum, Association of Business Trial Lawyers and American Bankruptcy Institute. Before attending the University of California, Hastings College of the Law—where he earned his juris doctorate—Laurin received his bachelor's degree in English from the University of California, Berkeley. He resides in the Westwood, Calif. community.

Morris is an accomplished litigator who has consistently achieved outstanding results for her clients. She received her juris doctorate from Stanford Law, with distinction, and her bachelor's degree in history from the University of California, Berkeley. Morris is a member of the California State Bar's Committee on Professional Responsibility and Conduct. She also resides in Westwood, Calif.

Hong, Laurin and Morris will join the other recent additions to the firm, Hurst and Fowler. Before joining the firm, Hurst was the managing partner of the Los Angeles office of Folger Levin & Kahn LLP. He will focus on expanding Rutter Hobbs & Davidoff's commercial/business litigation practice, leveraging his expertise in complex commercial litigation, construction litigation, class action defense and real estate disputes. Fowler, an associate, who also joined the firm's litigation group, handles complex commercial/business disputes, intellectual property, partnership dissolution and securities litigation.

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