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Chaffetz Lindsey LLP to Specialize in International Arbitration, Reinsurance, and Commercial Litigation

Nationally Recognized Attorneys Form New York Law Firm

NEW YORK (May 5, 2009)—**Chaffetz Lindsey LLP** opened for business today in New York. The firm will specialize in international arbitration, reinsurance, and commercial litigation. The five founding partners, Peter Chaffetz, David Lindsey, Charlie Scibetta, James Hosking and Cecilia Moss previously practiced together for nine years in the New York Office of Clifford Chance.

“This is a response to how current market conditions have affected our clients,” said Chaffetz. “Clients have a greater need than ever for commercially-oriented lawyers who can provide first-tier service from a lower-cost, flexible platform.”

Both Chaffetz and Lindsey individually and their practices have been highly rated by Chambers and other legal directories. At Clifford Chance, Chaffetz led the firm-wide litigation practice and was a member of the firm’s global management committee from 2004-08. Lindsey has led Clifford Chance’s Americas arbitration practice since 2000.

“We’re proud to have been part of Clifford Chance, but going out on our own will give us greater flexibility on cost and also dramatically reduce the conflict problems created by the breadth of Clifford Chance’s client roster,” Chaffetz said.

Said Lindsey, “We look forward to bringing the global perspective we developed at Clifford Chance to our new firm.” He noted that over the past nine years the team moving to Chaffetz Lindsey has helped clients resolve disputes involving over 40 countries.

Peter Chaffetz is a leading practitioner in the fields of reinsurance litigation and arbitration and insurance restructuring. He has had prominent roles in most of the major disputes affecting the reinsurance market over the past 20 years and regularly writes, lectures and chairs educational programs in the field. He also has broad commercial litigation experience. Mr. Chaffetz is a graduate of the University of Chicago Law School and Harvard College.

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David Lindsey focuses on international arbitration. His practice has involved cross-border contract disputes, power/energy projects, investor-to-state claims, and reinsurance. He is co-chair of the Dispute Resolution Interest Group of the American Society of International Law. In 2002, he published *International Arbitration in Latin America*, the first comprehensive English-language review of arbitration in the region. He has also tried cases in federal and state courts. He graduated with honors from the Florida State University College of Law and the University of Texas.

Charlie Scibetta focuses on insurance, reinsurance and general business litigation and arbitration. After receiving an undergraduate degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo, he graduated summa cum laude and valedictorian of his class from Albany Law School and received his LLM from Columbia University School of Law.

James Hosking focuses on international arbitration, especially disputes arising out of the energy sector, corporate acquisitions, telecommunications, licensing and insurance/reinsurance. He also has expertise in public international law, especially investment treaty claims. Mr. Hosking has also litigated cases in US, and New Zealand courts and in the Privy Council. He has undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Auckland and an LLM from Harvard Law School.

Cia Moss's practice focuses primarily on insurance and reinsurance litigation and arbitration. She has represented insurance and reinsurance companies in disputes involving life/health reinsurance, property and casualty reinsurance, workers' compensation carve-out, and finite risk reinsurance. Ms. Moss graduated from Fordham University School of Law and Princeton University.

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