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Quarles & Brady LLP Signs Lease for New Office Space in Downtown Chicago

CHICAGO, IL (January 31, 2008) – The national law firm of Quarles & Brady LLP has signed a lease for three floors and as much as 75,000 square feet in the skyscraper under construction at 300 N. LaSalle St.

“With the move into this new building, Quarles & Brady gains an office identity that reflects our increased Chicago presence and accommodates our future growth plans in this important market,” said John Daniels Jr., Chairman of Quarles & Brady.

The new lease with developer Hines Interests L.P. will begin in spring of 2009 and represents a 30 percent increase from the space where the Chicago office currently resides at Citigroup Center, 500 W. Madison St. Quarles & Brady will be joining anchor tenant Kirkland & Ellis LLP in the new high-rise, which is over 80 percent leased and includes many other high-profile tenants.

The new building at 300 N. LaSalle St. has also been pre-certified by the U.S. Green Building Council’s LEED Green Building Rating System, which is the leading, consensus-based rating system for the development of high-performance, sustainable buildings. Furthermore, the building itself aims to achieve LEED Gold certification, while Quarles & Brady will also pursue LEED Silver certification for its own space within the building.

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“We are pleased to have had the opportunity to work with Hines Interests, an internationally recognized real estate firm, in our search for a unique building that provides us room for growth,” said Peter Sarasek, national head of Quarles & Brady’s Real Estate practice, who supervised the firm’s search for new office space.

Added D. Scott Watson, Chicago Office Managing Partner: “Our Chicago office has grown significantly since its founding and this new office space is a welcome addition to our platform for strategic growth in this market.”

Quarles & Brady was represented in lease negotiations by Harvey Camins of Camins Tomasz Kritt, and Jim Walsh and Greg Van Schaack of Hines represented ownership.

Quarles & Brady first opened its Chicago office in 1999 with the acquisition of Wilson & McIlvaine, a 28-lawyer Chicago firm, and has since grown to over 50 lawyers.

The Chicago office of Quarles & Brady provides quality advice and representation in all segments of the law, with an emphasis on: complex and high profile business & real estate transactions; tax and structural advice to business entities; comprehensive counseling to charitable foundations & other tax-exempt organizations; environmental representation in the regulatory, transaction and litigation contexts; representation in all types of business disputes; estate and tax planning for individuals; and labor & employment representation for management. The Chicago office also has a strong commitment to the community and is involved in a wide variety of community, civic and charitable initiatives, which include a number of local Chicago efforts in connection with its firm-wide “Quarles Cares” volunteer program.

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