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RSHC STRENGTHENS CONSUMER FINANCIAL SERVICES LITIGATION PRACTICE WITH NEW PARTNER NAFIZ CEKIRGE

CHICAGO – Riley Safer Holmes & Cancila LLP (RSHC) today announced that noted lending industry litigator Nafiz Cekirge will join the firm as a partner managing his practice from both coasts in RSHC’s New York and Los Angeles/Irvine offices.

Cekirge gained national recognition in the mortgage mass action area for his novel use of the Class Action Fairness Act (“CAFA”) to remove many of these mass actions to federal court. He has served as lead counsel in more than 200 mortgage mass actions in state and federal courts throughout the country, obtaining dismissals of almost all of these cases at the pleadings stage. Financial institutions rely on Cekirge not only for his skill as a litigator but also his thoughtfulness in managing the reputational risk that inevitably accompanies the challenging cases that he handles.

“Financial industry clients are looking for strategic guidance on how best to navigate today’s shifting economic and regulatory environment,” said RSHC Managing Partner Patricia Brown Holmes. “We’re so pleased to have Nafiz join our outstanding team of commercial litigators in helping advise banks and other lenders regarding potential consumer actions, issues around debt restructuring, and regulatory enforcement.”

Outside the financial services area, Cekirge also has significant experience in complex products liability, tort, and white collar cases. He has represented clients in products liability cases involving allegedly defective computer parts and genetically modified food products. He has also represented high net worth individuals in governmental investigations of large offshore asset protection devices, foreign nationals in alleged international money laundering schemes, and foreign nationals in alleged international sweepstakes schemes.

“I’m thrilled to be joining RSHC,” Cekirge said. “The combination of true excellence in litigation and trial work, with the firm’s national platform and innovative, entrepreneurial spirit, make it the ideal place for me to build my practice at this critical moment for the financial services industry.”

Cekirge will primarily be resident in RSHC's New York office, where he will enhance that office's already considerable capability in the fields of class actions, complex commercial litigation, and white collar and internal investigations, including for the financial services industry. As a California barred attorney, Cekirge will also be managing his practice out of RSHC's Los Angeles/Irvine office.

Cekirge was, most recently, a partner at Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP.

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