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## NATIONALLY NOTED LITIGATOR KEYONN POPE JOINS RSHC FURTHER STRENGTHENING DIVERSE PARTNERSHIP AND LITIGATION PROWESS

**CHICAGO** – Riley Safer Holmes & Cancila LLP (RSHC) welcomes new partner Keyonn Pope to the firm’s intellectual property and litigation practices.

Pope, who was recently recognized by *Bloomberg Law* as one of 40 outstanding young attorneys nationwide, is a tech-savvy litigator relied upon by clients to represent their brands in bet-the-company patent and trademark litigation and other complex and high-stakes commercial disputes. He has tried patent cases in many hotbed jurisdictions including E.D. Va., E.D. Texas, Delaware, and N.D. Cal.

“We are thrilled to have Keyonn as part of our team,” said RSHC Managing Partner Patricia Brown Holmes. “His client-driven approach to litigation is a perfect fit for our culture and the diverse teams that we tailor-make for each matter. Few patent litigators have had the trial experience that Keyonn brings to RSHC.”

With a deep technical background as an electrical engineer for a major manufacturing company and experience performing under pressure as both a student-athlete and musician, Pope has a unique ability to explain complicated subjects clearly and persuasively, which has enabled him to achieve favorable results for clients even in the most challenging circumstances. Though his practice is rooted in his work as an intellectual property litigator, businesses routinely turn to him for guidance and counsel on a wide range of issues.

“I love the nimble, team-based culture at RSHC and the fresh perspective the firm has on the business of law,” Pope said. “I’m excited to be part of the firm’s growth and to serve clients as part of such an outstanding group of trial lawyers.”

Along with Pope, litigator Monique Howery joins RSHC as counsel. Howery brings a sharp strategic perspective on risk management, shaped by her decade-long career in the insurance industry, to her work advising clients facing complex commercial litigation and other business disputes.

Pope and Howery are both joining RSHC from Reed Smith LLP.

In addition to the growth of the firm's intellectual property and litigation practices, this week RSHC also welcomes former federal prosecutor Georgia Alexakis to its Chambers-recognized Government Enforcement, Investigations & White Collar Criminal Defense and Appellate advocacy practices in Chicago and associate Brendan Gerdes to the firm's New York office.

### **About RSHC**

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