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FEDERAL PROSECUTOR ABIGAIL PELUSO JOINS RSHC FIRM'S WHITE COLLAR PRACTICE NOW INCLUDES SIX FORMER ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEYS

CHICAGO – Riley Safer Holmes & Cancila LLP (RSHC) welcomes new partner Abigail Peluso to the firm's Government Enforcement, Investigations & White Collar Criminal Defense practice.

Peluso served for over 11 years as an Assistant United States Attorney in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Illinois, in both the Civil and Criminal Divisions, most recently serving as a Deputy Chief in the General Crimes Section, where she trained and supervised new federal prosecutors. At RSHC, she will leverage her experience handling sensitive and multifaceted criminal and civil cases to advise clients dealing with an array of complex legal issues, including government enforcement actions, internal and external investigations, and white collar criminal matters.

"Abbie's outstanding work leading investigations in fraud cases, False Claims Act violations, and civil allegations of employment discrimination, along with her extensive trial experience, make her a tremendous resource for our clients," said RSHC Managing Partner Patricia Brown Holmes. "She has great communication skills and a sensitivity for preparing witnesses to testify under challenging circumstances and conducting investigations involving potentially high-profile and sensitive allegations."

Peluso led teams through nearly a dozen trials, including both jury and bench trials, and she prosecuted complex criminal cases, including matters involving public corruption, financial fraud, and health care fraud. She also briefed and argued appeals before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.

"I am proud to be joining the incredible team at RSHC," Peluso said. "They are tremendous attorneys and wonderful people. They provide exceptional service to their clients, and they work together in a way that is both value-centric and informed by diverse perspectives. I am excited to work with such accomplished and dynamic colleagues."

In 2020, legal industry consultant BTI Consulting Group honored RSHC as a "Midsize Heavyweight," one of just 37 midsize firms nationwide that business clients said give them "the

same level of confidence and reliability as the big firms.” The firm’s success in white collar work comes from the long experience of a deep bench of talent unmatched among mid-sized and even many global firms.

With the addition of Peluso, RSHC’s ranks now include six former Assistant U.S. Attorneys, a former prosecutor in the New York District Attorney’s Office, a former federal defender, a former Department of Justice trial lawyer, and multiple former state prosecutors. Georgia Alexakis, previously Deputy Chief of Criminal Appeals in the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Northern District of Illinois, joined the firm this summer.

In addition to the growth of the firm’s white collar practice, RSHC also welcomed recent Bloomberg Law “40 Under 40” honoree Keyonn Pope and counsel Monique Howery to its commercial litigation practice in Chicago and five new associates across its litigation and transaction teams.

About RSHC

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