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RSHC EXPANDS AEROSPACE AND DRONE WORK, PROMOTING CHRISTOPHER HICKEY TO PARTNER

CHICAGO — Riley Safer Holmes & Cancila LLP (RSHC) today announced that Christopher Hickey has been promoted to partner. Based in the firm’s Los Angeles/Irvine office but practicing internationally, Chris focuses his work on complex product liability and commercial litigation matters with a particular concentration on serving aviation-industry clients.

Chris represents aerospace manufacturers in a range of issues from accident-related product liability litigation to commercial and government contracting disputes. An accomplished trial and appellate lawyer with years of military service, and an experienced private pilot, Chris has a unique perspective on how aerospace manufacturers can manage risk, achieve positive results in litigation and, ultimately, grow their businesses.

Chris is the first RSHC partner who is also a military reservist. He serves as a lieutenant colonel in the California Air National Guard and has served as a legal advisor to U.S. Air Force aircraft accident investigations involving F-16 fighters and unmanned aircraft operations. He speaks and writes extensively on emerging issues in international and aviation law and has deep knowledge and is recognized in the field of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) regulation.

“Since joining us last year, Chris has helped shape our approach to the emerging field of drone-related regulation and litigation,” said Managing Partner Patricia Brown Holmes. “He is a leader in the field and a valuable addition to a team that has long demonstrated success in representing manufacturers, aircraft maintenance companies, airlines, airports, airport concession operators, and ground handling companies in a variety of matters across the United States and internationally.”

Chris has represented clients at both the trial and appellate levels in the United States and has successfully resolved matters brought against clients in Japan, Canada, China, Turkey, and Russia. Informed by his deep industry knowledge, Chris also advises clients on contractual and regulatory matters including government contracting (including the Other Transaction

Authority, or OTA, contracts applied to innovative technologies), international treaties, and privacy law.

“It’s been thrilling to work with the RSHC team during this past year. I’m excited to continue to build the RSHC aviation practice and to expand that practice to the energy and technology companies that support aerospace activities around the world,” said Chris. “RSHC has the legal expertise and trial experience to support the aerospace industry with current legal issues, and help companies predict and prepare for future legal challenges that will face both the manned and unmanned flight industries in the years ahead.”

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