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Former Special Assistant to the President and Associate White House Counsel Joins Riley Safer Holmes & Cancila

Jack Theis, former Special Assistant and Associate Counsel to President Obama, has joined the national law firm of Riley Safer Holmes & Cancila (RSHC). As a partner in the Chicago office, he will concentrate his practice on commercial litigation, white collar criminal defense, antitrust and competition law, and risk and reputation management.

At the White House, Jack advised senior administration officials on oversight investigations and high-profile litigation, and worked closely with officials at the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Justice, and the Office of Management and Budget.

During his time as a Trial Attorney at the Federal Programs Branch of the Department of Justice, Jack represented Executive Branch agencies in high-stakes constitutional and regulatory litigation in federal courts across the country. He defended some of the Administration's most contentious and sensitive policies related to national security, cybersecurity, and federal grant programs. He counseled federal agencies in litigation stemming from two high-profile breaches of government data, including in a multidistrict litigation involving a data breach at the Office of Personnel Management affecting over 21 million people. In 2016, he received a Special Commendation for Outstanding Service in the Civil Division.

Jack is excited to return to Chicago, his hometown, and join a firm committed to client service, diversity, and pro bono work. He is eager to help grow the firm's white collar and general litigation practices. RSHC has grown from 21 founding partners to more than 70 attorneys in two years. Patricia Brown Holmes said, "Jack brings an impressive professional pedigree, a wealth of practical experience, and tremendous versatility to RSHC, thereby enhancing RSHC's ability to provide high-caliber legal service in a range of practice areas to our clients." Ron Safer added, "Jack is exactly the type of person we are excited to have. He is uniquely talented and with a service mentality. He was an outstanding public servant and will do a great job for our clients. He is a collaborative and team oriented person. That is our culture."

Jack earned his law degree from Northwestern Pritzker School of Law and his undergraduate degree from Georgetown University.

About Riley Safer Holmes & Cancila LLP (RSHC)

RSHC is a diverse national law firm of trial lawyers and transactional attorneys with offices in Chicago, San Francisco, New York, and Ann Arbor. The partnership team features leaders in many practice areas, including antitrust, business transactions, class actions, white collar, product liability, intellectual

property, and general litigation. Diversity begins with the names on the door and extends through the partnership and associates ranks. RSHC is home to more than 70 lawyers, seven of whom are former Assistant United States District Attorneys.

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