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DIRUZZO & COMPANY JOINS FORCES WITH MARGULIS GELFAND

MARGULIS GELFAND DIRUZZO & LAMBSON NOW HAS OFFICES IN THREE MAJOR METROPOLITAN AREAS

Fort Lauderdale, Florida –DiRuzzo & Company is proud to announce that it has joined forces with Margulis Gelfand, LLC. The firm, MARGULIS GELFAND DIRUZZO & LAMBSON, LLC, now has offices in Washington, D.C., St. Louis, MO, and Fort Lauderdale, FL.

“We are beyond excited to expand the firm’s footprint with offices in three major metropolitan areas” said partner Joseph A. DiRuzzo, III. “But we are even more excited that our clients can benefit from the additional firepower of Justin Gelfand and Greg Bailey, both of whom are former federal prosecutors in the Tax Division of the U.S. Department of Justice and seasoned criminal and civil litigators.”

The team at MARGULIS GELFAND DIRUZZO & LAMBSON now includes seasoned attorneys with extensive federal trial experience in financial fraud cases on both sides of the courtroom, a tax lawyer/CPA who regularly brings tax cases to trial and has been recognized as an expert witness in federal criminal tax cases, former law enforcement, and former federal judicial law clerks. The litigators at MARGULIS GELFAND DIRUZZO & LAMBSON have more than 100 years of collective experience.

“We have intentionally built a tax and financial litigation powerhouse,” said Gelfand. “Our team has worked together for years. Formally joining forces in this way will benefit our clients throughout the country.”

The firm’s attorneys are battle-tested in the courtroom, having handled jury trials in more than 10 federal districts throughout the country (including the U.S. Virgin Islands) and in state courts; argued appeals in 10 federal Circuit Courts of Appeal and submitted written briefs at the U.S. Supreme Court; conducted bench trials in the U.S. Tax Court; and argued in state supreme courts from around the country.

Justin Gelfand is a former federal prosecutor with extensive experience in high stakes litigation. As a federal prosecutor and in private practice, Gelfand has first-chaired federal jury trials, bench trials, and federal appeals throughout the country. Gelfand routinely represents clients throughout the country in criminal defense, white collar, tax controversy, and sophisticated civil litigation matters.

Gelfand's cases include high-profile clients including elected officials, attorneys, former prosecutors, doctors, A-List celebrities, large and small businesses, law enforcement, and a university.

Gelfand, a member of the Teaching Faculty of Harvard Law School's Trial Advocacy Workshop, has also served as a faculty member at the National Advocacy Center, the Department of Justice's in-house training center in South Carolina, where he taught hundreds of federal prosecutors the ins and outs of criminal tax cases. He trained more than 1,000 federal agents in 15 states concerning investigative techniques used by law enforcement. For this work, Gelfand received the Attorney General's Award for Fraud Prevention, an award widely recognized as one of the Justice Department's highest honors in white collar and public corruption litigation.

Gregory Bailey is a former federal prosecutor, graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, and former Naval Officer. In his decade tenure at the Department of Justice, Bailey investigated and tried complicated financial fraud cases throughout the country, including prosecuting cases in 12 states. He also handled a wide range of criminal cases ranging from tax and financial fraud to narcotics, firearms, and immigration matters. Bailey tried numerous federal trials and, in addition to his trial work, successfully handled several federal appeals.

Bailey also conducted federal regulatory investigations in the Division of Investigations of the Office of Enforcement at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC"), investigating matters involving complicated financial fraud and violations of federal regulations concerning the generation and transmission of electricity.

The St. Louis Office is located at 7700 Bonhomme Avenue, Suite 750, St. Louis (Clayton), MO.

The Washington, D.C. Office is located at 1325 G St., N.W., Suite 500, Washington, D.C. 20004.

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The firm handles criminal, civil, tax, appellate, and domestic relations litigation.

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