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Olshan Names New Partners to its Activist, Corporate, Intellectual Property and Litigation Groups

NEW YORK, Jan. 6, 2012 -- Olshan Grundman Frome Rosenzweig & Wolosky LLP today announced that [Andrew M. Freedman](#), [Mary L. Grieco](#), [Ellen V. Holloman](#), [Jason S. Saltsberg](#), and [Howard J. Smith](#) have been named partners.

Freedman, (36), [Activist Practice Group](#), is an experienced corporate and securities attorney who advises issuers and investors on a variety of matters, including public offerings and private placements, mergers and acquisitions and corporate governance. Freedman specializes in advising hedge funds and investment firms on equity investments in public companies, including "activist" situations and proxy contests. Freedman also has expertise in providing strategic counsel and guidance in hostile M&A situations. He has been involved in more than 70 proxy contests since joining Olshan. Freedman also represents hedge funds and other large investors in the preparation of their SEC filings, including Schedule 13D and Form 13F filings.

Grieco, (50), [Intellectual Property Group](#), has extensive intellectual property experience serving a broad range of industries; including fashion, cosmetics, entertainment, financial services, food, restaurant, and general consumer goods. Her expertise includes managing domestic and international trademark portfolios of all sizes and handling trademark opposition and cancellation proceedings, both in the United States and throughout the world. She counsels clients regarding copyright and domain name/website issues, and prepares and negotiates all types of agreements relating to intellectual property (including licenses, distribution, manufacturing, and website agreements). She also advises clients regarding general business matters, with a focus on business and brand development and protection.

Holloman, (38), [Litigation Group](#), is experienced in securities litigation, white collar criminal defense and general commercial litigation. She represents financial institutions, other corporations and individuals in regulatory enforcement proceedings, corporate internal investigations and related civil litigation. Holloman also has represented clients responding to regulatory requests and inquiries initiated by the Department of Justice, Securities and Exchange Commission, Federal Trade Commission, Federal Reserve, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, National Association of Securities Dealers and FINRA, Internal Revenue Service, New York State Attorney General's office, New York Stock Exchange, European Commission, and the UK Serious Fraud Office, among others. Holloman has significant experience with international civil litigation and law enforcement, including seeking overseas discovery under the Hague Convention. Holloman also frequently handles litigation for the firm's Business Restructuring and Bankruptcy Group.

Saltsberg, (39), [Corporate Group](#), focuses his practice on the representation of both publicly-traded and closely-held companies in connection with their business acquisitions, dispositions, financing transactions, security offerings and general corporate matters. His experience includes negotiating a wide range of business-related agreements, including both debt and equity investment documents, merger agreements, stock and asset purchase agreements, stockholder agreements, registration rights agreements, employment agreements and limited liability company agreements. In addition, Saltsberg's background includes representing investors with restructurings, the acquisition of distressed businesses and assets, and divesting of troubled businesses.

Smith, (37), [Litigation Group](#), is an experienced business litigator with multiple first and second chair trial experience. His notable achievements for varied clients include winning

two breach of contract trials in New York state court, winning a defense verdict in a two-week jury trial in California state court, obtaining dismissal of all claims against his client in a “bet the company” trademark dispute, favorably resolving as co-counsel seven litigations arising from real estate investments in excess of \$1 billion and winning dismissal of all claims against a bank arising from an investment property held in a custodian account. Smith has significant experience in arbitration and mediation and has been instrumental in obtaining favorable resolutions by means of alternative dispute resolution and pre-litigation settlements on behalf of a growing number of clients.

“We welcome this outstanding group of attorneys to the partnership,” said Robert Frome, partner. “Their proven skills and demonstrated excellence will make a major contribution to our efforts on behalf of Olshan clients.”

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