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Krokidas & Bluestein Announces New Attorneys – Feldman, Huppe, Nickerson and Rausch

Boston (June 4, 2007) – Krokidas & Bluestein LLP, a Boston-based law firm, recently announced the additions of Julia Feldman, Allison Huppe, Geoffrey Nickerson and Rebecca Rausch to the firm. Feldman has joined as counsel and Huppe, Nickerson and Rausch have become associated with the firm.

"We are pleased to welcome our newest colleagues to Krokidas & Bluestein," said Maria J. Krokidas, founder and managing partner. "As a team we are committed to providing all of our clients with first-rate service and I look forward to sharing the talent and expertise that Julia, Allison, Geoff and Becca bring to the firm."

Julia Feldman practices in the firm's health law group, with a focus on nonprofit, administrative, and corporate law. Feldman has an extensive background in negotiating large, complex contracts, advising on state and federal regulatory issues, and in Medicaid reimbursement and state procurement matters. Feldman represents hospitals, human service organizations, behavioral health providers, hospice and home health providers, assisted living residences, managed care providers, private special education schools, and governmental entities in matters involving mergers and acquisitions, affiliations, contracts, regulatory compliance, reimbursement, and dispute resolution. Prior to joining the firm, Feldman was legal counsel to the Division of Medical Assistance and the Executive Office of Health and Human Services for over a decade. Feldman is a Phi Beta Kappa, *magna cum laude* alumna of Amherst College and a graduate of Columbia University School of Law. She is a member of the New York, District of Columbia, and Massachusetts bars. She resides in Newton, Mass.

Allison Huppe practices in the firm's litigation group, representing corporate, non-profit, public, and individual clients in a wide variety of civil litigation and trial matters including contract, construction, real estate, probate, employment, and zoning disputes. She brings significant experience in commercial and probate litigation from her five years as an associate at Ropes & Gray LLP. Huppe graduated from Yale College and Columbia University School of Law, where she was a member of the Columbia Law Review and a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar. She clerked on the First Circuit Court of Appeals in 2000-2001. Huppe resides in Boston, Mass.

Geoffrey Nickerson practices in the firm's transactional group. He advises non-profit, public, corporate, and individual clients in real estate acquisition and finance, regulatory compliance, and other business related matters. Nickerson began his career as an Assistant City Solicitor in Philadelphia, where as a member of the Regulatory Affairs Division in the City Solicitor's Office, he focused on environmental enforcement and compliance. Thereafter, Nickerson practiced on Cape Cod, where he gained experience in zoning, real estate title matters, entity formation and small business advice. He also has experience in railroad law. Nickerson graduated from Dartmouth College and is a *cum laude* graduate of Villanova University School of Law. He resides in Woburn, Mass.

Rebecca Rausch is the newest addition to the firm's health law practice. She advises hospitals, community health centers, group care facilities, special education schools, nursing homes, and other health care providers in a variety of litigation and transactional health care matters, including general corporate issues, financing and business arrangements, reimbursement, and regulatory compliance. Rausch brings experience in complex civil litigation from her years as an associate with Donovan Hatem LLP. Rausch is a graduate of Brandeis University and Northeastern University School of Law. She resides in Brookline, Mass.

About Krokidas & Bluestein LLP

Krokidas & Bluestein has a diverse practice with areas of concentration in real estate development and finance; public and non-profit corporate law; social services, health and education law; public and private civil litigation; labor and employment law; and public finance. A woman-owned, SOMWBA-certified business enterprise, Krokidas & Bluestein was founded in 1979.