

Survey Identifies Vorys Sater As A Worldwide Leader In M&A Transactions

Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP (Vorys), headquartered in Columbus, OH, has been ranked as one of the top law firms in the world in mergers and acquisitions (M&A) transactions for the first quarter of 2004. The firm ranks 23rd among U.S. and international law firms including top firms in New York City, Chicago, Los Angeles, London and Frankfurt.

The ranking was issued by Global Securities Information (GSI) in Washington, DC, which tracks securities information and research worldwide. GSI rankings are based on the total transaction value of mergers and acquisitions and are reviewed each quarter.

Vorys represents buyers and sellers in corporate acquisitions, divestitures and reorganizations of public and private companies. The firm also has represented management, outside directors and lenders in executing private transactions and leveraged buyouts.

“While Vorys is extremely proud of our firm’s Ohio roots, we are pleased to be recognized as a global leader in providing the highest quality legal services in the critical area of mergers and acquisitions,” said Robert W. Werth, managing partner at Vorys. “Navigating the intricacies

of securities law and ensuring that transactions of this magnitude are smoothly and effectively executed is an area in which Vorys excels.”

GSI reported that Vorys’s two M&A transactions for the first quarter 2004 had a total transaction value of more than \$1.5 billion. The GSI rankings include all transactions registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission that have completion dates that fall within the specified time period for the quarterly report and that result in a change of control. Dollar amounts are estimated transaction values as disclosed by the filing party.

Andrew F. Palmieri, a counsel in the Alexandria, VA office of Vorys Sater, has been named a Fellow of the American College of Mortgage Attorneys (ACMA). Fellowship in ACMA is by nomination only and is limited to pre-eminent lawyers with extensive experience in real estate law and demonstrated dedication to the profession. ACMA, founded in 1974 and based in Rockville, MD, is a national college of highly skilled lawyers experienced in the preparation of real estate mortgages, lending transactions secured by real estate, and related practices.