

## **Peckar & Abramson Adds Former D.A. Richard Preiss to Legal Team**

***-- Brings 30-Years of International Success as Prosecutor  
to Expanded Interdisciplinary Corporate Support Team --***

**NEW YORK**, February 27, 2011 – Peckar & Abramson has hired Richard T. Preiss, former assistant district attorney for the New York County District Attorney's Office, as a partner in its New York City office. Preiss expands the firm's growing Interdisciplinary Corporate Support (ICS) team, which focuses on Regulatory Compliance/Governmental Relations, Internal Investigations and White Collar Criminal Defense.

With a combination of sophisticated financial investigation, intensive courtroom experience and a reputation as one of the toughest, skillful prosecutors in New York City, Preiss joins P&A's ICS team in New York City, where fellow former assistant district attorney Thomas J. Curran also is based. The team also has staff in P&A's offices in Washington, D.C., Miami, and Chicago.

Preiss spent his first ten years in the Manhattan D.A.'s office as a street crime prosecutor. At the invitation of long-time former Manhattan D.A. Robert Morgenthau, he then shifted his focus to economic crime and business fraud, which ranged from domestic and international bank fraud, securities fraud, money laundering, offshore investment trust fraud, derivatives trading fraud and tax fraud.

"The addition of Richard Preiss to our firm is consistent with our commitment to provide our clients with the highest level of professional legal counsel where they need it most," said the firm's founding partner Robert S. Peckar. "Government's focus on redefining what constitutes acceptable corporate behavior has caused many companies to recognize the need for internal change and professional guidance."

Among his career highlights, Preiss was one of the lead prosecutors on the international BCCI bank fraud case in the 1990s, which led to recovering approximately \$600 million. He also was one of the lead prosecutors on violations of the federal sanctions regime involving Iran, Sudan, Cuba and other sanctioned countries, and the corresponding falsification of New York bank records, which led to approximately \$1 billion in recovered funds.

Mr. Preiss is a recipient of the United States Department of Justice Assistant Attorney General's National Asset Forfeiture Award for Outstanding Investigation, and the Assistant Attorney General's Award for Distinguished Service – two awards rarely bestowed upon a local prosecutor.

A graduate of the Temple University School of Law, Mr. Preiss has also been a frequent guest speaker at symposia, conferences and seminars both domestically and internationally, including those hosted by Jesus College, Cambridge University, Cambridge, England; the East-West Management Institute Workshop in Slovenia for Eastern European judges and prosecutors; the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Law Schools at San Antonio, Texas; the Marshall-Wythe School of Law at the College of William and Mary; and the Temple University School of Law.

### **About Peckar & Abramson (P&A)**

With offices around the country and affiliations with other law firms around the world, Peckar & Abramson offers a full range of legal services to its domestic and international construction industry clientele from basic construction law counsel to environmental, corporate and real estate, government contracting, labor and employment law, risk management and dispute resolution and corporate compliance. Since its formation in 1978, Peckar & Abramson has been counseling its clients to solutions to complex project problems, settling disputes to avoid costly and time consuming litigation, and when necessary, winning legal battles. It is also an active participant in and supporter of industry groups such as the Associated General Contractors of America and the Road and Transportation Builders of America and serves as general counsel for the New York Building Trade Employers' Association, the Building Contractors Association of New Jersey, and the Construction Financial Management Association.

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