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PROMINENT ATTORNEY SHELDON K. SMITH JOINS HARTER SECREST & EMERY

Buffalo, New York, April 9, 2018 – Harter Secret & Emery LLP, a full-service business law firm with offices throughout New York, announced that attorney Sheldon K. Smith has joined the firm as a partner. Smith joins Harter Secret & Emery from the Buffalo office of Nixon Peabody LLP, where he has practiced for the last 11 years in the firm’s litigation group.

“We are excited to welcome Sheldon to our partnership as we continue our firm’s dynamic growth in Buffalo and throughout upstate New York,” said Craig S. Wittlin, Harter Secret & Emery Managing Partner. “Sheldon’s extensive experience at the trial and appellate levels is an exceptional complement to our top-ranked litigation practice.”

Smith has distinguished himself as a litigator who handles high-stakes, often high-profile business disputes, representing clients in several industries in federal and state courts and before arbitration tribunals. He handles complex contract, valuation, trade secret, and other matters for financial institutions, health care providers, manufacturers, energy companies, real estate developers, and construction companies, among others.

Smith was recently recognized in *Chambers USA America’s Leading Lawyers in Business* for Commercial Litigation, and has been selected to the Upstate New York Super Lawyers® list in the areas of Healthcare and Litigation. He has also received several awards for his work supporting professional diversity initiatives and inner-city communities. A graduate of the University at Buffalo, he earned his law degree, *magna cum laude*, from the University at Buffalo Law School.

“This is a very exciting opportunity for me,” Smith said. “Harter Secret & Emery is recognized annually by corporate clients for providing top-notch legal services across several industries. I look

forward to working with an exceptional group of people and being part of Harter Secrest & Emery’s tremendous professional culture.”

In addition to his legal practice, Smith is an active supporter of several community and professional organizations. He is a member of the boards of directors of Catholic Health and the National Federation for Just Communities of Western New York; is an active member of the Minority Bar Association of Western New York, the Rochester Black Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association, and the National Bar Association; and is an appointed member to the Attorney Advisory Group to the New York Federal and State Judicial Council.

“Sheldon’s passion for his practice, fierce advocacy for his clients, and dedication to bettering the world around him make him an ideal fit for Harter Secrest & Emery,” added John G. Horn, partner in charge of Harter Secrest & Emery’s Buffalo office.

Harter Secrest & Emery’s litigation attorneys represent clients on a wide range of matters including high-stakes commercial disputes, intellectual property litigation, insurance-coverage disputes, employment and ERISA litigation, privacy and data security matters, government investigations, professional liability claims, construction disputes, and securities litigation. Harter Secrest & Emery’s litigation practice received a top-tier ranking from *Chambers USA*, and six of its litigators have been individually recognized by Chambers.

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Harter Secrest & Emery LLP is a full-service business law firm providing legal services to clients ranging from individuals and family-owned businesses to Fortune 100 companies and major regional institutions. With offices in Buffalo, Rochester, Albany, Corning, and New York City, the firm is a recognized leader in litigation, corporate, employee benefits, environmental and land use, health care, higher education, immigration, intellectual property, labor and employment, real estate, and trusts and estates law. Harter Secrest & Emery has 31 *U.S. News - Best Lawyers* 2018 “Best Law Firms” top tier metropolitan practice group rankings – more Western New York rankings than any other law firm. The firm has been top ranked in *Chambers USA* for Corporate/M&A, Litigation, Immigration and Real Estate law and 42 attorneys are recognized as *The Best Lawyers in America*® for 2018. For more information visit www.hsela.com.

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