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**Prominent Boston Attorneys to Launch
'Executive Advocacy' Law Firm**

First Shop in New England Built Around High-Demand Practice Area

BOSTON – May 17, 2005 – Six of Boston's most prominent employment and trial lawyers today announced the formation of a boutique firm that will specialize in executive and professional advocacy law. **Shilepsky, O'Connell, Casey, Hartley, Michon and Yelen, LLP** ("Shilepsky O'Connell") will provide counseling, negotiation, and litigation services to high-level executives and professionals dealing with intricate contracts and the potential litigation issues surrounding corporate employment. Shilepsky O'Connell is the first firm in New England dedicated to the practice of executive advocacy law.

In today's business environment, corporate executives find their relationships with employers constantly shifting due to mergers and acquisitions, corporate restructurings, and job moves. Unfortunately, what is best for employers is not always what is best for its executives. As a result, top professionals are increasingly seeking the counsel of independent employment law specialists to develop employment and compensation agreements with employers.

"As one of the Nation's top centers for finance and technology, Boston is the ideal market to establish an executive advocacy law practice," said James Hartley. "Over the last five years, my colleagues and I have seen tremendous growth in this area of law, fueled by new government regulations, increasingly scrupulous employment standards, and ever more complex employment contracts and negotiations."

The new firm will be headed by prominent Boston attorneys, Nancy Shilepsky, James E. O'Connell, Jr., Lawrence J. Casey, H. James Hartley, Katherine J. Michon, and Jennifer A. Yelen. All six partners are trailblazers in the area of executive advocacy and bring with them myriad professional accomplishments both in the boardroom and the courtroom. Shilepsky O'Connell is slated to open its doors later this summer.

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