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Day Pitney Names New Chairs of Fiduciary and Probate Litigation Practice Group

Day Pitney LLP announced that it has named partners Mark A. Romance and Ann Hetherwick "Hether" Cahill co-chairs of the firm's Fiduciary and Probate Litigation practice group. In these leadership roles, Romance and Cahill will direct and oversee strategic initiatives and legal work for clients seeking legal advice on fiduciary, trust, and probate litigation-related matters across Day Pitney's jurisdictions, including Connecticut, Florida, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, and Rhode Island.

"Mark and Hether are exceptional leaders whose insight and dedication have greatly benefited our clients and team. They represent our Miami and Boston offices and Litigation and Private Client departments, respectively. I am excited to see how their cross-department and interoffice leadership as co-chairs will further strengthen our Fiduciary and Probate Litigation team and further hone our ability to serve our clients with the high standards they expect from Day Pitney attorneys," stated Paul Marino, immediate past chair of the firm's Fiduciary and Probate Litigation practice group and current New Jersey Office Managing Partner.

Romance and Cahill will draw on the experience of approximately 35 attorneys from across all of the firm's offices, all of whom have extensive experience in contested trust, estate, and guardianship matters. The team handles all fiduciary, trust, and probate litigation matters, including helping clients with cross-jurisdictional issues. The practice group perfectly complements the firm's Private Client department, one of the country's largest and most sophisticated. The group benefits from the technical estate planning, estate administration, and tax experience of our trusts and estates lawyers on matters, as well as our corporate and real estate departments, giving clients an advantage in contested matters due to the depth and breadth of our full-service firm along the east coast.

Romance is a seasoned trial and appellate attorney representing diverse clients in commercial and other complex litigation. He handles sophisticated estate and trust litigation in Florida, including advising beneficiaries in will and trust disputes; personal representatives, trustees, and curators in matters involving alleged breaches of fiduciary duty; protecting an estate during will and trust disputes; and disputes over admission of wills and nomination of competing putative personal representatives. Romance has extensive experience representing clients in cases involving multimillion-dollar claims in high-stakes litigation. Romance earned his B.A. from George Washington University and his J.D., *high honors*, from St. Thomas University School of Law. He is admitted to practice in Florida.

"I'm honored to step into the role of co-chair alongside Hether to lead our Fiduciary and Probate Litigation practice group. Together, we're committed to building on the exceptional work Paul has led while continuing to innovate and provide our clients the highest level of service," commented Romance.

Cahill represents individual beneficiaries and individual and corporate fiduciaries in fiduciary, probate, and trust disputes. Her practice specializes in a wide range of probate, trust, equity, fiduciary, guardianship, and conservatorship litigation, including trust and will contests; breach of fiduciary duty and removal actions; trust interpretation, modification, and termination actions; contested accountings; declaratory judgment actions; complaints for instructions; conservatorships, including with expanded powers for estate planning; and guardianships. She also serves as trustee of private trusts and personal representative of estates. Cahill advises clients at every stage of litigation, sometimes avoiding litigation entirely or resolving issues through mediation. As a former Massachusetts Appeals Court law clerk, she brings her strong writing skills and knowledge of the appellate process to contested matters, trials, and appeals.

"This opportunity to lead and collaborate in shaping the future of our practice is a privilege, and I look forward to advancing our shared vision with creativity and purpose," added Cahill.

Cahill is the current Editor-in-Chief for the *Massachusetts Law Review* and former co-chair of the Boston Bar Association's Fiduciary Litigation Section. She is a member of the Massachusetts Bar Association, the Boston Probate and Estate Planning Forum and the Boston Estate Planning Counsel. Cahill earned her B.A. from Skidmore College and her J.D. from Suffolk University Law School. She is admitted to practice in Massachusetts.

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