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Neal Gerber Eisenberg Adds Intellectual Property Partner Emer Simic

CHICAGO – Neal Gerber Eisenberg is pleased to announce the addition of Emer Simic as partner in the Intellectual Property practice group. Simic joins from Green, Griffith & Borg-Breen LLP, where she was a partner in their IP Litigation practice.

Simic's practice focuses on pharmaceutical patent litigation, post-grant review, opinions, and client counseling. She has additional experience in representing both patent holders and defendants in complex Hatch-Waxman and patent infringement disputes, including successfully arguing cases involving co-pending *inter partes* review proceedings before the U.S. District Court and Patent Trial and Appeal Board.

"We are excited to welcome Emer to the firm and our intellectual property practice," said Scott Fisher, Managing Partner of Neal Gerber Eisenberg. "As a veteran litigator in the pharmaceutical and biotech fields, Emer will be an invaluable asset for our growing roster of life sciences clients."

With degrees in science and IP law from universities in England, Ireland, and the U.S., Simic brings extensive technical understanding of the pharmaceutical, chemical, and biotech spaces and a global perspective to her work. Simic has found considerable success leveraging this knowledge in the development of innovative IP strategies

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for her clients. Beyond the courtroom, Simic advises her clients' business teams on everything from product development and regulatory strategies to market launch.

"Emer's arrival bolsters our already deep roster of IP talent," said Michael Kelber, co-chair of the firm's Intellectual Property practice group. "She enhances our patent litigation capabilities, particularly expanding the scope of our strong life sciences and pharma practice."

In addition to practicing law, Emer is a member of the Board of the Coalition of Women's Initiatives in Law (Chicago Chapter) where she currently serves as Secretary. The Coalition serves to foster career advancement and professional development and provide a support network to help address the many issues facing women lawyers today.

"After getting to know Emer during our time together as board members of the Coalition, I'm ecstatic to work alongside her at NGE," said Sonya Rosenberg, a partner in the Labor & Employment practice group. "An insightful leader with a bright legal mind, Emer will be a strong mentor, role model and a true asset in the firm."

Simic received her J.D. from Chicago-Kent College of Law, and her Master of Philosophy and B.A. in Natural Sciences from Cambridge University. Before moving to the U.S. from Ireland, Simic earned her Barrister-at-Law degree from the Honorable Society of Kings Inns.