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Davidoff Malito & Hutcher LLP Launches Sports & Entertainment Law Practice; Taps Edward Schauder as Chairman

Davidoff Malito & Hutcher announced this summer that it has launched a sports and entertainment practice in New York City. Edward Schauder will serve as chairman of the new practice area.

“Ed brings to us an impressive background in the worlds of sports and entertainment,” said Jeff Citron, co-managing partner at Davidoff Malito & Hutcher. He added that Schauder is the logical choice since he has been closely involved in both the legal and business sides of the sports and entertainment industries for decade.

The sports and entertainment group was created to leverage extensive legal and business experience aimed at servicing the needs of sports and entertainment celebrities and their agents, according to the firm. To that end, Schauder has represented a diverse group of producers, entertainers, property brands and sports-related organizations.

In addition to closely working within the sports and entertainment industries, Schauder has extensive experience in corporate and finance law. Previously, he worked in Haynes and Boone LLP’s finance practice where he handled complex corporate and finance transactions, including mergers and acquisitions, private debt and equity offerings, SEC compliance and general corporate planning. Mr. Schauder will also be a member of Davidoff Malito &



Hutcher’s corporate and securities law group.

Schauder noted that it was great to be on board. “I’m committed to using my experience to raise the firm’s sports profile. I’ve made strong con-

tacts throughout my years in the industry and throughout my time representing the World Police and Fire Games. I’m excited to lead this new practice.”

Schauder co-founded the Negro League Baseball Players Association in 1990 as part of a successful effort to obtain recognition and financial assistance for members of baseball’s Negro leagues. He also pioneered the practice of grouping championship sports teams and other groups of performers with shared historical accomplishments, in an effort to maximize their value, according to the firm. Sports teams he has helped organize and represent include the 1969 New York Mets, the 1980 U.S. Olympic Hockey Team, the 1977 New York Yankees, the 1972 Miami Dolphins and the 1989 New York Giants.

Schauder earned his law degree from Columbia Law School. ●

Cowboys Employee Sues Maker of Practice Field

Dallas Cowboys spokesperson Jancy Briles has sued the makers of the team’s practice facility, which collapsed during a 2009 storm, injuring Briles and others.

Briles, who is the daughter of Baylor University Head Football Coach Art Briles, claims in the lawsuit that she suffered “serious, disabling and permanent injuries.” She has named Summit Structures LLC of

Allentown, Pa., and its Canadian parent, Cover-All Building Systems Inc. — the companies involved in building or designing the steel and fabric structure — as defendants.

Others injured when the 88,000-square-foot building collapsed were Cowboys Special Teams Coach Joe DeCamillas (broken vertebra) and scout Rich Behm, who was left paralyzed. ●