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**KAUFMAN & ASSOCIATES COMBINES WITH DAVIDOFF MALITO & HUTCHER LLP**

*Corporate and Long Island expansion for influential law firm*

September 30, 2004 – Garden City, New York – Davidoff Malito & Hutcher LLP, *Long Island's Leading Full Service Law and Lobbying Law Firm*, and Kaufman & Associates, LLC, *Long Island's Corporate and Securities Law Firm*, announced today the combination of their practices. In this connection, Neil M. Kaufman, Esq. has joined Davidoff Malito & Hutcher LLP as a partner and will lead the firm's corporate and securities department. John C. Penn, Esq. has joined DMH as an associate. Kaufman & Associates' other key employees have also joined DMH.

DMH has long been known as a highly influential litigation and lobbying firm, and also has practice groups in areas including real estate, land use, creditors rights, employment law, and trusts and estates. Since its founding in 1997, K&A has become recognized for providing the highest quality representation to middle market and smallcap public and private companies and investment banking firms in all types of public offering, private placement, merger and acquisition, lending, international finance and venture capital transactions. The combination of K&A with DMH results in DMH becoming a full service law firm able to provide a full range of legal services to its clients, with the unique benefit of the firm's government relations expertise.

Commenting on these events, DMH founding partner Bob Malito remarked that "Since opening our Long Island office, we have been committed to serving the needs of the Long Island business community. We recognize the compelling value of having a strong corporate and securities practice and we recognize that Kaufman & Associates has one of the most successful practices of this type in the region. We are very excited that Neil Kaufman and his staff are joining us. Neil has a well established corporate and securities practice that will benefit from what DMH has to offer and we expect Neil to be a key force in driving the growth of our corporate and securities practice generally and particularly on Long Island."

Neil Kaufman commented that "I am thrilled to be joining DMH. My new partners are highly skilled in their respective fields, and I look forward to making available to my clients all the expertise that DMH has to offer. DMH is committed to expanding on Long Island, and I am confident that this will be a tremendous benefit to the Long Island business community. I look forward to working with my partners to build our corporate and securities practice group."

## **About Davidoff Malito & Hutcher LLP**

Davidoff Malito & Hutcher LLP is a full service corporate law firm with offices in Manhattan, Garden City, Melville, Albany, Newark, N.J. and Washington, D.C. With a prominent government relations practice, the firm is in a category by itself among local law firms, in that it provides a full range of legal and lobbying services to businesses ranging from *Fortune 500* multinational corporations to middle market and early-stage growth companies. The firm's practice areas include:

- Corporate and Securities
- Banking
- Litigation
- Real Estate
- Land Use and Zoning
- Bankruptcy/Creditors' Rights
- Trusts and Estates
- White Collar Criminal
- Administrative Law
- Construction Law
- Computer/Internet Law
- Health Care Law
- Employment Law
- Government Relations

## **About Kaufman & Associates, LLC**

Kaufman & Associates, LLC is Long Island's leading corporate and securities law firm, and focuses on bringing the highest quality representation to middle market and small cap companies. The firm represents public and private companies and investment banking firms in all types of public offering, private placement, merger and acquisition, lending, international finance and venture capital transactions. Neil M. Kaufman, Esq., the firm's managing member, serves as:

- chairman of the Banking and Securities Law Committee of the Nassau County Bar Association;
- a director and Secretary of the Long Island Capital Alliance, formerly known as the Long Island Venture Group;
- a member of the Corporate Advisory Board of Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory's DNA Learning Center; and
- a member of the advisory board of L.I. Invest, which held a conference on September 23, 2004 showcasing Long Island companies to the investment community.