

LIZA M. WALSH LAUNCHES NEW LAW FIRM

— *Founding Partners: Walsh Pizzi O'Reilly Falanga LLP* —

Newark, New Jersey, May 9, 2016 – Liza M. Walsh announces the formation of a law firm concentrating on complex commercial litigation, financial services and risk management, labor and employment law, and strategic counseling, effective immediately.

Walsh Pizzi O'Reilly Falanga LLP is based in Newark, New Jersey with additional offices located in New York City and Philadelphia. Ms. Walsh and her founding partners have established a team of seasoned attorneys with decades of experience across a wide range of legal practice areas. The founding partners of the newly created Walsh firm are Peter J. Pizzi, Tricia B. O'Reilly and Stephen V. Falanga. Five additional partners also joined the firm: Christine I. Gannon, Marc D. Haefner, M. Trevor Lyons, Hector D. Ruiz, and Christopher M. Hemrick. Former United States District Court Judge Joel A. Pisano (Ret.) serves as Of Counsel, handling complex litigation work as well as arbitrations, mediations, and other alternative dispute resolution projects.

"Our new firm is composed of highly skilled and experienced attorneys who are well-recognized within their respective practice areas," stated Ms. Walsh. "We are focused on building a diverse law firm of the highest caliber with an esteemed team of professionals dedicated to efficiently and effectively tackling and resolving multifaceted legal issues for our clients."

Walsh Pizzi O'Reilly Falanga LLP's practice areas include: business and commercial litigation, intellectual property, class action defense, financial services and risk management with a focus on insolvency & creditors' rights, labor and employment, internal investigations, cyber security and data protection, alternative dispute resolution and transactional work. Initially, the firm comprises 18 attorneys, 2 paralegals, and 5 support staff.

"We're a majority women-owned business committed to establishing a reputable and responsive platform that aligns with our clients' best interests and legal demands," Ms. Walsh said. "Our

goal is to offer a dynamic, modern platform that meets the legal services needs of the business community.”

Ms. Walsh has practiced commercial litigation and class action defense for more than 30 years, representing some of the country's largest and most prestigious companies. She has defended major pharmaceutical companies in high-profile patent litigation and has acted as liaison counsel to defendants in multidistrict litigations. Ms. Walsh and her three founding colleagues together combine to reflect more than one hundred years of experience in their respective areas of focus.

Ms. Walsh has been named to “[Best Lawyers in America](#)” for Commercial Litigation, Patent Law and ERISA Litigation in 2016, following similar recognition for nine prior consecutive years. Most recently, she was honored by the [Executive Women of New Jersey](#) as one of the 2016 “Women of Achievement.” *NJBIZ* also selected Ms. Walsh as “[Top 25 Leading Women Entrepreneurs of New Jersey](#)” and “New Jersey’s Best 50 Women in Business.” She led the team named “Intellectual Property Litigation Group of the Year” by the *New Jersey Law Journal* in 2014. Other honors and credits include “New Jersey Super Lawyers” for eight years, “New York’s Best Lawyers” and “New York’s Women Leaders in the Law” by *New York Magazine*. A graduate of Seton Hall University School of Law, Ms. Walsh received the school’s Distinguished Graduate Award in 2012. She is also a Fellow of the American Bar Association and an active community advocate, serving on the Board of Trustees for the U.S.-Asia Institute, New Jersey Ballet, District Court Historical Society and as Finance Committee member for the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Newark.

Mr. Pizzi practices business and commercial litigation, employment law, class action defense, the protection of intellectual property and trade secrets, internal investigations, and data privacy law. A member of the New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania bars, Mr. Pizzi is a Certified Civil Trial Lawyer, a designation administered by the Supreme Court of New Jersey. He also holds the Certified Information Privacy Professional/US accreditation issued by the [International Association of Privacy Professionals](#). He is the incoming Chair of the Technology Committee of the [International Association of Defense Counsel](#).

Ms. O’Reilly’s concentration is business and commercial litigation, labor and employment law, and internal investigations. She has tried numerous employment and commercial cases to successful outcomes before juries and has conducted dozens of internal investigations for major corporations, educational institutions, and privately held businesses. Ms. O’Reilly was named one of New Jersey’s Women Leaders in the Law, Labor and Employment (2013) and to the 2015 “[Best Lawyers in America](#),” Commercial Litigation, and is a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation and a Trustee of the Association

of the Federal Bar New Jersey. She was recently appointed to the Board of Trustees for the [Volunteer Lawyers for Justice](#).

Mr. Falanga focuses his practice in the financial services and risk management area including banking law and finance, bankruptcy, insolvency, creditors' rights, and all variety of commercial law. He is a member of the Association of Commercial Finance Attorneys, the American Bankruptcy Institute, where he served as Chair of the Secured Credit Committee, and is currently a Trustee for the [ARC of Essex County](#), which serves the needs of individuals with intellectual disabilities.

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