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McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter Formalizes Antitrust Practice; Integrates Existing Litigation, Investigations and M&A Capabilities

Newly Formed Practice Group Will Address Growing Need for Seasoned Counsel to Advocate for, or Challenge Transactions and Business Practices, in Courts and Before Antitrust Enforcement Agencies

MORRISTOWN, NJ – **March 27, 2017** – McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter, LLP ("MDM&C" or "the Firm") today announced the formalization of an Antitrust Practice Group, which will combine the existing capabilities of more than a dozen of the firm's attorneys, who possess deep experience in antitrust litigation and investigations, as well as related merger and acquisition representation across a broad range of industries.

MDM&C's Antitrust Practice Group will represent both plaintiffs and defendants, to advocate for, or challenge transactions and business practices, in courts and before federal and state antitrust enforcement agencies. The firm will counsel companies on all aspects of antitrust, including antitrust compliance programs, distribution arrangements, licensing agreements, agency business reviews, merger analysis, litigation risk assessment, as well as issues related to standard setting groups and the interface between intellectual property and antitrust law.

As Federal and State antitrust authorities have quickened the pace of both civil and criminal prosecutions of major participants in large industries – including pharmaceuticals, financial services, and food & beverages – enforcements seeking significant damages for consumers have also accelerated, often in the form of nationwide class actions under state and federal antitrust laws that piggyback on the rulings and settlements obtained by regulatory agencies.

MDM&C Managing Partner, Edward B. Deutsch, said, "Our Firm has long possessed all of the relevant talent and experience to claim expertise in antitrust law. Creation of this new practice group will better enable us to integrate those capabilities in a more focused manner, and is intended to raise external awareness of our expertise in this complex, high stakes area of the law."

The Firm's Antitrust Practice Group will be headed by Lewis Goldfarb, Of Counsel, who has been practicing Antitrust and Consumer Law for more than 40 years, including stints at the Federal Trade Commission, Chrysler Corporation and two major national law firms. Mr. Goldfarb is also the named plaintiff in <u>Goldfarb vs. Virginia State Bar</u>, the landmark U.S. Supreme Court ruling that applied the federal antitrust laws to the professions and occupations.

The Goldfarb vs. Virginia State Bar case, and the subsequent rulings that relied on it, are the subject of a documentary video and panel discussion that will be presented at the Annual Spring Meeting Luncheon of the Antitrust Section of the American Bar Association ("ABA") in Washington, D.C. on March 29, 2017. (Click here for additional information on ABA luncheon.)

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