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Three Experienced In-House Banking Attorneys Join Vorys Pittsburgh Office

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Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP is pleased to announce that three experienced banking attorneys have joined the firm's Pittsburgh office. Robin Capozzi and Shane Sclichter joined as partners and David Aldous joined as counsel. All three attorneys previously served as in-house counsel at First Niagara Bank.

"We're pleased to welcome Robin, Shane and David to Vorys. Together they have decades of experience and a deep understanding of the banking and finance industry. We are excited about the unique capabilities and insights that they will provide as former in-house counsel to a national bank," said Daren Garcia, the managing partner of the Vorys Pittsburgh office. "Their arrival further showcases our commitment to strategic growth in Pittsburgh and expands the legal services that we can offer to our Pennsylvania-based clients."

The attorneys join a firm wide Vorys team of more than 40 experienced finance lawyers. The Vorys finance team represents commercial banks, investment banks, financial institution holding companies, and other institutional lenders, as well as numerous public and private companies, in all types of complex commercial financings, including credit facilities, asset based lending, construction loans, derivative transactions, letters of credit, second lien and mezzanine financings, private placements, and structured finance facilities. They also have significant experience counseling banks in a variety of other matters, including regarding their cash management products, deposit operations and payment processing.

"While at First Niagara, we really enjoyed counseling our internal 'clients' on the wide range of legal issues associated with the banking and financial institutions industry," said Capozzi. "Vorys has a talented finance and banking team so it is a great fit for us. We're eager to continue working with clients from the industry."

Capozzi has more than 30 years of experience in banking and commercial finance matters. Prior to joining Vorys, she was first vice president and assistant general counsel at First Niagara Bank, N.A.

Capozzi also served as vice president and attorney at National City Bank/PNC Bank and practiced in the area of commercial finance at a regional law firm. Capozzi received her J.D. from the Duquesne University School of Law, where she was a member of the *Duquesne Law Review*. She received her B.S. in accounting from The Pennsylvania State University.

Sclichter has nearly two decades of experience in banking, commercial finance, and real estate law. Sclichter's practice will focus on the representation of commercial banks and borrowers in a wide range of multi-lender and single lender secured and unsecured financing transactions. Prior to joining Vorys, he was senior counsel at First Niagara Bank. Sclichter also spent several years working as an attorney at a large regional law firm. Sclichter received his J.D. from the Duquesne University School of Law. He received his B.A. *magna cum laude* from The Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina.

Aldous will also focus his practice on banking and commercial finance matters. Prior to joining Vorys, Aldous was senior counsel at First Niagara Bank. He also spent several years practicing in the areas of commercial finance, public finance and real estate at a large regional law firm. Aldous received his J.D. *magna cum laude* from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, where he was an articles editor for the *University of Pittsburgh Law Review*. He received his B.S. *cum laude* from the University of Utah.

The Vorys Pittsburgh office opened in 2013 and has grown steadily since, welcoming accomplished lawyers with expertise in a broad range of areas, including complex litigation, oil and gas, labor and employment, retail, brand protection, banking, finance and real estate matters.

About Vorys: Vorys was established in 1909 and currently has nearly 375 attorneys in seven offices in Columbus, Cincinnati, Cleveland and Akron, Ohio; Washington, D.C.; Houston, Texas; and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Vorys currently ranks as one of the 200 largest law firms in the United States according to *American Lawyer* magazine.