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VISHNICK McGOVERN MILIZIO LLP ANNOUNCES PARTNER AND COUNSEL PROMOTIONS

Managing Partner **Joseph G. Milizio** is pleased to announce that effective January 1, 2017 the firm has promoted three of its outstanding associates:

- Rockaway Park resident **Eun Chong (EJ) Thorsen** has been named partner;
- Far Rockaway resident **Avrohom Gefen** has been named partner; and
- Williston Park resident **John P. Gordon** has been named counsel.

ABOUT EUN CHONG (EJ) THORSEN

Known to all as EJ, Ms. Thorsen has been a member of the Commercial Litigation, Matrimonial and Family Law and LGBT Representation Practice Groups at Vishnick McGovern Milizio LLP since 2007. She represents individuals, families and businesses in a wide range of litigation matters and counsels them in disputes and appeals in matrimonial and family law, trusts and estate litigation, guardianships and commercial and employment law. EJ is appointed by the Courts of New York to serve in Guardian ad Litem and in other fiduciary capacities. By appointment of the former Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman, she serves on the NYS Commission on Statewide Discipline. By appointment of the Honorable Randall T. Eng, Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division, Second Department, she serves on the Committee on Character and Fitness for the Second, Tenth, Eleventh and Thirteenth Judicial Districts. EJ serves as the first Asian-American president of the Queens County Women's Bar Association for the 2016-2017 term and as the executive vice president of the Korean American Lawyers Association of Greater New York (KALAGNY). She was elected to the board of directors of the St. John's University School of Law Alumni Association in 2015 and serves on the board of directors of the Judges and Lawyers Breast Cancer Alert. Born in Daegu, South Korea, EJ and her parents settled in New Jersey when she was in kindergarten. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree at Boston College before earning a Juris Doctor degree at St. John's University School of Law. Ms. Thorsen is admitted to practice law in New York and New Jersey.

ABOUT AVROHOM GEFEN

Avrohom Gefen, an attorney at Vishnick McGovern Milizio LLP since 2006, specializes in commercial and employment litigation. His extensive experience includes representing businesses and individuals in a wide variety of matters before federal and state courts and administrative tribunals such as the EEOC, US Department of Labor, NYS Labor Department, and the NYS and NYC Commissions on Human Rights. In addition to his litigation practice, Avrohom advises employers on topics that include termination decisions, employee discipline, personnel policies and compliance with federal, state and local statutes including the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), Title VII, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA) and Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA). Named a Rising Star by New York Super Lawyers in 2015 and 2016, Mr. Gefen received his Juris Doctor degree from Fordham University School of Law and is a summa cum laude graduate of Touro College. He is a member of the Labor and Employment, Commercial and Federal Litigation Sections of the NYS Bar Association, as well as the Queens County and Nassau County Bar Associations and serves on the board of the Brandeis Association. He is member of the Board of Trustees of Congregation Chesed V'Emes in Bayswater, New York and a member of the Advisory Board of Rutgers University Jewish Experience. Mr. Gefen is admitted to practice in New York State and before the United States District Courts in the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York.

ABOUT JOHN P. GORDON

John P. Gordon, who joined Vishnick McGovern Milizio LLP in 2006 and heads the firm's Residential Real Estate Practice Group, is a member of the firm's Real Estate Law, Business and Transactional Law and Exit Planning for Business Owners Practice Groups, where he concentrates in the purchase, sale, lease and finance of residential and commercial real estate and provides advice on business formation, planning, ownership transfers, entity dissolutions and other transactions. He also works with the firm's Trusts and Estates Practice Group, formulating and implementing estate and gift tax plans for individuals and succession plans for business owners. Additionally, Mr. Gordon advises charities and

other not-for-profit organizations on formation, application for tax-exempt status, compliance and governance. John is president of the Chamber of Commerce of the Willistons; a member of the Queens County and NYS Bar Associations; and Nassau County Bar Association, where he serves on the Real Property Law Committee. Mr. Gordon received his Juris Doctor degree from Fordham University School of Law and a Bachelor of Arts in Classics and Philosophy from the College of the Holy Cross; he is admitted to practice law in New York.

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