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Francine Griesing

Francine Friedman Griesing has 25 years of experience handling complex business and litigation matters. She has particular expertise representing clients in the tourism, hospitality, restaurant/foodservice, gaming, car rental, and entertainment industries. Representative engagements include counseling clients on risk management and premises liability issues, advising on food and liquor service liability; negotiating concessionaire, licensing and management contracts; advising clients on regulatory compliance, zoning, employment issues, and insurance coverage disputes; and litigating high stake cases, including class actions.

Prior to joining Eckert Seamans, Ms. Griesing served the City of Philadelphia as Chair of the Litigation Group and on the Executive Committee of the City's Law Department, selected by former Philadelphia Mayor Edward G. Rendell, current Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. As the City's top trial lawyer she handled legal matters involving the City's most popular tourist venues, including Veterans Stadium, the Pennsylvania Convention Center, Penn's Landing/Delaware Avenue, Fairmount Park, historic Olde City and Main Street Manayunk. She advised the Mayor, ranking administration officials and members of City Council on cutting-edge legal issues, while managing over 2,000 matters, supervising 75 lawyers, attendant support staff and overseeing outside counsel. As the City's lead attorney on several high-profile matters, she is accustomed to working with a diverse constituency and performing under public scrutiny.

Ms. Griesing has been recognized for her professional and community leadership, having served on numerous bar association and civil projects. She has been selected as a *Pennsylvania Super Lawyer 2004 2005 and 2006* and received the *Greater Philadelphia Women of Distinction, Governor's Best 50 Women in Business, Pennsylvania Honor Roll for Women* and *Women to Watch* awards. Ms. Griesing served on the Board of Directors of the Forum of Executive Women and Federation Day Care Services. Ms. Griesing is listed on the American Arbitration Association Roster of Neutrals for Commercial Disputes. She is founder of the Women Hospitality Executives Network, a member of the Global Alliance of Hospital Attorneys and an allied member of the American Hotel & Lodging Association and the Greater Philadelphia Hotel Association. Ms. Griesing is a member of the Hotels, Resorts and Tourism Committee and Hospitality Industry Liaison Subcommittee and the Sports, Entertainment and Gaming Committee of the Real Property and Probate Section of the American Bar Association.

Banks Brown

Banks Brown is a partner in the law firm of McDermott Will & Emery LLP based in the Firm's New York office. He is head of the New York office Trial Department. Banks focuses his practice on complex commercial litigation and disputes.

Banks has extensive experience the defense of class action lawsuits. This experience ranges from early in his career when he represented the American Stock Exchange in shareholder actions under Section 6 of the Securities Exchange Act, to numerous consumer class actions under the now defunct Department of Energy price controls on oil and gas, to a decade long series of class actions arising out of Gulf Oil Corporation's tender offer for the stock of Cities Service Corporation, to recent representation of a major foreign accounting firm in a shareholder class action under Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act, and related SEC proceedings. Banks has also represented parties in numerous complex commercial arbitrations, involving the following types of claims (among others): admiralty claims, environmental claims, sizeable disputes over sales contracts for crude oil, refined product and steel products, refinery performance, steel manufacturing, and oil spills on the high seas. In appropriate cases, he also has represented parties in trusts and estates disputes.

As a by-product of his extensive litigation experience, Banks has a deep working knowledge of cost, fee, and risk analysis, including decision-tree analysis as it applies to complex litigations.

Banks also serves as the General Counsel for the American Hotel & Lodging Association, the Hotel Association of New York City, Inc. and the Travel Business Roundtable. He regularly writes for *Lodging Law*, a publication of the American Hotel & Lodging Association, and is the 2006 recipient of the Anthony G. Marshall Award for Pioneering and Continuous Contribution to Hospitality Law. He is co-author of a recognized treatise on hospitality law entitled "Understanding Hospitality Law" (4th Ed. Educational Institute, AHLA).

Banks was admitted to the Bar of the State of New York in 1978.