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***Riverhead Law Firm Names New Partner, Adds Associate***

**RIVERHEAD, NY** – Twomey, Latham, Shea, Kelley, Dubin & Quartararo is pleased to announce that Bryan C. Van Cott has been named a partner of the Riverhead based law firm and Patrick B. Fife has joined the firm as an associate.

***Bryan C. Van Cott, Partner***

Mr. Van Cott has a general practice with an emphasis on corporate and commercial transactions, business law, real estate matters and civil litigation. He has assisted business clients with, among other things, initial start-up and acquisitions, with their day-to-day business and legal consulting needs, and with the sale of their businesses.

Mr. Van Cott also has considerable experience drafting and negotiating a variety of other business agreements including employment, shareholder, confidentiality, non-compete, license agreements, and commercial real estate leases. He offers his clients counsel on a wide variety of real estate matters whether residential or commercial in nature. His experience includes purchases and sales of real estate, lender financing, refinances, landlord-tenant matters, and assistance with land use, zoning, and environmental issues.

Mr. Van Cott assists clients in successfully resolving civil disputes. His litigation experience includes successfully litigating a wide variety of claims in state and federal courts involving civil rights, contract, construction, employment, landlord-tenant, insurance, real estate, trade secret, and unfair competition claims.

After graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and Philosophy from Syracuse University in 1993 (*magna cum laude*), Mr. Van Cott went on to earn his Juris Doctorate from Cornell Law School in 1996 where he was a member of and bench brief editor for the Moot Court Executive Board and an editor for the Cornell Journal of Law and Public Policy. He has also studied at the Cornell Law School/L'université De Paris I (Panthéon-Sorbonne) Institute of International & Comparative Law in Paris, France.

Mr. Van Cott is admitted to practice law in the States of New York and New Jersey. He is a member of the New York State and Suffolk County Bar Associations and has been appointed Chair of the Suffolk County Bar Association's Commercial and Corporate Law Committee.

***Patrick B. Fife, Associate***

Mr. Fife focuses his practice primarily in the areas of litigation and appeals. He has been involved in the litigation of a variety of cases in New York state and federal courts on behalf of corporate, municipal, and individual clients involved in real estate, contract, and employment disputes.

Before joining the firm, Mr. Fife was associated with the firm Nixon Peabody LLP. While at his prior firm, Mr. Fife was involved in the defense of numerous municipal and private clients from a billion-dollar land claim brought by the Shinnecock Indian Nation for over 3,600 acres of land in the Town of Southampton. He also handled many matters involving the regulated health care industry, including managed-care contract disputes, medical staff issues, and the representation of several metropolitan-area hospitals in Mental Hygiene Law hearings before the New York State Supreme Court.

Mr. Fife earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Fordham University in 1997. In 2003, he graduated *summa cum laude* from Hofstra University School of Law, and he was awarded the Maurice A. Deane Award, which is conferred upon the student with the highest grade point average in the graduating class. While in law school, Mr. Fife was also the Business Editor of the Hofstra Law Review.

Prior to attending law school, Mr. Fife worked in the claims departments of two national insurance companies, where he handled litigated third-party insurance claims.

Mr. Fife is admitted to practice in New York and before the United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York. He is a member of the New York State and Nassau County Bar Associations.

***About Twomey, Latham, Shea, Kelley, Dubin & Quartararo LLP***

With 23 attorneys and a staff of over 30 people, Twomey, Latham, Shea, Kelley, Dubin & Quartararo offers a full range of legal services including commercial litigation, zoning and land use, real estate and corporate transactions, estate planning and administration, elder law, municipal law, environmental law, insurance law and matrimonial and family law. The firm's main office is located in Riverhead but offers additional office locations in Port Jefferson, Hauppauge, East Hampton, Southampton and Southold.

Captions for photos: Bryan C. Van Cott  
Patrick B. Fife

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