

Hale and Dorr Expands Corporate Law Practice In New York

NEW YORK, October 28, 2002 – The law firm Hale and Dorr LLP today announced that Robert A. Schwed has joined the firm's Corporate Department in its New York office as a partner. Mr. Schwed works with private equity firms and their portfolio companies in corporate finance transactions.

Mr. Schwed joins Hale and Dorr after 24 years in the New York office of Reboul, MacMurray, Hewitt & Maynard. He has been actively engaged in the private equity industry throughout his career, representing venture capital and buyout firms, and other institutional investors in equity and subordinated debt investments, public and private buyout transactions and workouts, recapitalizations and other restructurings. Mr. Schwed has also represented the portfolio companies of private equity firms in public and private financing transactions, and mergers and acquisition activities. As a partner, he has also acted as counsel to various startup ventures and to the issuer or to the underwriters in initial public offerings for software, Internet, biotechnology, airline, healthcare, information services and other companies.

"We are committed to expanding our corporate practice in New York to meet the increasing needs of our clients," said Nels Lippert, partner in charge of the New York office. "Bob's extensive experience and proven ability not only strengthens our capabilities in New York, but also adds to the firm's existing expertise in this area."

Mr. Schwed holds a B.A., *cum laude*, from Williams College. He earned his J.D., *magna cum laude*, from Harvard Law School. Mr. Schwed is admitted to the bar in the state of New York.