

News Release

## **Senior Attorneys Open National Corporate & Litigation Boutique Halloran Farkas + Kittila LLP**

Palo Alto, Calif. - January 10, 2017 – Three long-time friends and colleagues came together on January 1, 2017, to open **Halloran Farkas + Kittila LLP**, a national corporate and litigation boutique with offices in Washington D.C., Wilmington, Delaware, Palo Alto, California and Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

Michael J. Halloran, a former partner at Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP, has joined L. Peter Farkas, former partner at Farkas + Toikka LLP, and Theodore ‘Ted’ A. Kittila, founder and managing partner of Greenhill Law Group, LLC, to launch the new firm that will focus on corporate, litigation and intellectual property services.

“It has been my dream to open a new law firm,” says Halloran, who was once head of Pillsbury’s Corporate Securities and Financial Practice and was responsible for opening Pillsbury’s Washington, D.C. office. “Peter Farkas and I have known each other for nearly 30 years and I was confident he would be the perfect partner for this new venture. Ted brings professionalism and a client-focused approach to litigation that rounds out what I consider the ultimate team.”

Mr. Halloran, a nationally recognized authority on corporate and securities law, provides legal advice on a wide array of business and legal issues for financial services and technology companies. He advises boards of directors and board committees on corporate governance issues and handles public offerings, mergers and acquisitions, venture capital and private financings. From 2006-2008, he served as Counselor to the Chairman and Deputy Chief of Staff at the Securities and Exchange Commission. While at the SEC, he advised agency leaders on initiatives promoting investor protection and capital formation in addition to acting as the Chairman’s chief legal counsel. Mr. Halloran works from the firm’s California and Wyoming offices.

Mr. Farkas, who served as a trial attorney with the Department of Justice’s Antitrust Division, is a seasoned intellectual property and antitrust litigator who has represented clients in courts throughout the U.S. His IP experience has covered litigation, opinion work, counseling and due diligence as part of corporate deals, with notable expertise in the pharmaceutical, electronics, software, chemical and mechanical

technologies industries. He handles cases in courts throughout the United States, U.S. Supreme Court and Section 3337 cases before the U.S. International Trade Commission. He also assesses the likely outcomes of potentially stock-moving IP and M&A cases for hedge fund and mutual fund clients. Mr. Farkas is located in Washington, D.C.

"I've had my own firm for 20 years and am ready for a new venture with a more pronounced focus on a national practice," says Farkas. "It's rare that a boutique starts out as national, but our larger public and private clients have a wide-array of needs that together, we can service exceptionally well."

Mr. Kittila, who started his legal career in private practice at Weil, Gotshal & Manges and Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker in New York, has served as lead counsel on a number of complex and commercial disputes including expedited litigation in the Delaware Court of Chancery and appellate litigation in the Delaware Supreme Court. He has handled litigation involving Delaware limited liability companies and business disputes before the U.S. District Court of the District of Delaware and complex commercial litigation in courts throughout the U.S. involving Delaware-related entities. In August 2014, Ted was nominated to run for the office of Delaware Attorney General, ultimately finishing second in a five-way race. Mr. Kittila is located in the firm's Delaware office.

"We are truly excited about this opportunity to build a national firm with legal counselors who I respect and who have a long track record of government and private practice experience," said Kittila. "I am confident we will build a firm that is as innovative as our clients."

To learn more about the firm, please visit [www.hfk.law](http://www.hfk.law)

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