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ANTHONY RAINONE KHOREN BANDAIZIAN JOIN BRACH EICHLER

Roseland, NJ – September 9, 2011 – Anthony M. Rainone, (age 34) has joined Brach Eichler L.L.C as a member. Khoren Bandazian (age 42) has joined the firm as counsel. Rainone joins Brach Eichler’s employment and litigation practice groups from Podvey Meanor Catenacci Hildner, Cocozziello & Chatham P.C., where he was a member. A civil litigator, Rainone brings eight years of experience to Brach Eichler, where he will focus his practice on employment law and complex commercial and construction litigation. He has particular experience in the areas of employment discrimination and wrongful termination claims arising under state and federal law. He also works with employers to proactively avoid litigation and help them comply with state and federal employment laws.

Rainone also has an extensive background in commercial litigation handling complex contract claims under the Uniform Commercial Code, as well as in the representation of various parties to a public or private construction contract.

He has authored numerous articles on employment issues for the *ABA Employment & Labor Relations Law Newsletter*. In addition, he has been named a *New Jersey Super Lawyers Rising Star* in the field of employment litigation for the last three consecutive years (2009-2011). He is admitted to practice in New Jersey and New York as well as before the District Courts for the District of New Jersey and the Southern, Eastern and Northern Districts of New York, in addition to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second and Third Circuits.

He earned a J.D. from Seton Hall University School of Law and a B.A. from Fordham University.

A resident of Caldwell, NJ, he is the current president and an active member of the North Essex Chamber of Commerce and previously has served as a board member since 2008. He also co-chairs the Essex County Chapter of the New Jersey Business and Industry Association’s Employers Legislative Committee.

“We are excited to welcome Anthony to our growing litigation practice where clients will benefit from his demonstrated track record and excellent reputation in the area of employment law,” said Charles X. Gormally, member and chair of the litigation practice at Brach Eichler.

Bandzian joins Brach's Eichler's real estate practice from Carella, Byrne, Cecchi, Olstein, Brody, & Agnello, where he was a partner. With more than 15 years of experience, he represents developers, investors and high net worth individuals in all areas of real estate acquisition, financing, leasing, development and sales. He also serves as lender's counsel in connection with asset-based commercial lending. He also has experience in distressed asset acquisitions and sales, including debt instrument acquisitions, and represents several lenders in connection with commercial loan transactions. He is active in the practice of community association law and represents developers in connection with many residential condominium projects.

He earned a J.D. from Pace University, and a B.S. from Northeastern University.

A member of the New Jersey and New York State Bar Associations, as well as the Armenian Bar Association, Bandzian is also active in the Community Builders Association, the National Association of Home Builders, and the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties. He also chairs the Armenia Fund USA, Inc.

"We are seeing an increase in financing and transaction activity in recent months so the timing is really ideal for someone with Khoren's background and experience in all sectors of real estate to join our practice," said Real Estate Practice Head and Member Allen Popowitz.

Managing Member John D. Fanburg added, "Brach Eichler has embarked on a strategy to grow the firm both organically with strategic new hires and through the acquisition of small specialty practices from other regional firms. We are excited about this new period of growth, and we look forward to Anthony and Khoren's contributions."

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