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Attorneys Michelle R. DiSilvestro and Blake J. Kolesa Join Romanucci & Blandin

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Romanucci & Blandin, LLC, a national trial law firm principally based in Chicago, proudly welcomes Attorney Michelle R. DiSilvestro and Attorney Blake J. Kolesa to the firm. Michelle will report directly to Founding Partner Antonio M. Romanucci, dedicated to cases involving civil rights, police misconduct and consumer rights. Blake will work directly with Senior Attorneys Bryce T. Hensley and David A. Neiman on Complex Litigation involving large-scale legal action.

Michelle was most recently a Law Clerk at Cooney & Conway. She has also been a Legal Assistant for DiSilvestro & Associates and worked at the Pro Bono Clinic for General/Federal Litigation at UIC John Marshall Law School.

While at UIC John Marshall Law School, Michelle was on the Dean's List and received the Barrister's Full Merit Scholarship for Academic Achievement, was the Administrative Editor of Law Review, participated in Moot Court and was a leader in the Justinian Society. She earned her bachelor's degree in Psychology and a certificate in Business from The University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Blake worked as a Summer Associate and Law Clerk for O'Halloran, Kosoff, Geitner & Cook and was also a Law Clerk at Durkin & Roberts. He was an Extern for the Honorable Justice Michael B. Hyman in the Illinois Appellate Court, First District and the Honorable Judge Celia G. Gamrath in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Chancery Division.

While at Loyola University Chicago School of Law, he was an Executive Editor of the Loyola University Chicago Law Journal, a Fellow with the Institute for Consumer Antitrust Studies, and participant of the Chicago Bar Association & Appellate Lawyers' Association Moot Court Competitions. Blake earned a Bachelor of Science with a concentration in social policy at Northwestern University.

"We are pleased to have Michelle DiSilvestro and Blake Kolesa join our firm. Michelle will enhance our team that is focused on delivering justice to people who have been injured or suffered the loss of loved ones due to tragic circumstances where their civil rights have been violated. Blake will help the momentum of our Complex Litigation team to deliver justice for those who have been harmed in large-scale disasters or actions. All of our attorneys are high performing and passionate about our clients, and we are proud of the results we continue to deliver," said Antonio M. Romanucci, Founding Partner.