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LAURA KINGSLEY HONG JOINS TUCKER ELLIS AS MASS TORT PARTNER

Tucker Ellis LLP is pleased to announce that <u>Laura Kingsley Hong</u> has joined the firm's Mass Tort & Product Liability Practice Group as a Partner. Ms. Hong brings more than 25 years of experience defending class action, mass and toxic tort, and product liability litigation to the firm.

Ms. Hong has a national litigation practice in asbestos, toxic tort, products, and commercial litigation matters. She serves as trial counsel in state and federal courts nationwide and has tried several cases to jury verdict. As national and local counsel, she partners with clients and counsel to provide a cohesive and collaborative defense team. She has also arbitrated before the American Arbitration Association.

"Many of us across the firm have known and worked with Laura for many years and know the degree of skill, competence, professionalism, and all-around quality she brings to everything she does," said <u>Jeff</u> <u>Healy</u>, Chair of the Tucker Ellis Mass Tort & Product Liability Practice Group. "Laura is a fantastic addition to our firm and our practice."

"Laura is a top-flight person and a highly skilled trial lawyer," said Tucker Ellis Managing Partner <u>Joe</u> <u>Morford</u>. "Our lawyers have worked side by side with her for years, so we know first-hand how terrific it is for our firm and our client relationships to have her on our team."

Ms. Hong joins Tucker Ellis from Squire Sanders LLP (US). She is a past president of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association as well as a past president of the Northern District of Ohio Chapter of the Federal Bar Association. Ms. Hong is a former professor of trial tactics at Case Western Reserve University School of Law, where she earned her law degree. She received her undergraduate degree from Oberlin College.

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