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> Miller, Miller & Canby Welcomes Lisa Blitstein, Elizabeth Sockwell and Shelly Vallone to Firm Expanding Litigation and Land Use & Zoning Practice Groups

Rockville, MD — September 14, 2023 — Miller, Miller & Canby is pleased to announce that Lisa Blitstein, Elizabeth Sockwell and Shelly Vallone have joined our firm.

Lisa Blitstein is an Associate in the Litigation practice group and will focus on Land Use, Zoning, Eminent Domain, Real Estate, and Trusts & Estates. Prior to joining the firm, she completed an appellate clerkship with the Honorable Kathryn G. Graeff of the Appellate Court of Maryland. With a breadth of experience drafting judicial opinions in multi-issue civil matters and high-profile disputes, she understands the unique considerations required for complex cases to succeed on appeal. She also formerly served as a federal legal extern in the Office of General Counsel for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). She generated written guidance for senior EPA leaders, with recommendations for the agency to more expansively investigate violations of federal nondiscrimination laws that result in disparate environmental impacts to air, water, and human health for communities across the United States. She is admitted to practice law in Maryland and the District of Columbia.

Elizabeth Sockwell is a 2023 graduate of the William & Mary Law School. She joins the Litigation practice group, focusing in Business & Commercial Litigation, Construction Litigation, Eminent Domain & Condemnation and Real Estate Litigation. Prior to joining Miller, Miller & Canby, Elizabeth worked as a Law Clerk at a law firm in Austin, Texas, where she assisted attorneys by conducting legal research and writing briefs pertaining to environmental, energy, utility and natural resources litigation. Her experience also included legal externships with the Virginia Office of the Attorney General (Environmental Division in Richmond, Virginia), the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas and the Legal Aid Society of Eastern Virginia. She also worked as a Research Assistant for the Virginia Coastal Policy Center, where she conducted legal research pertaining to environmental laws and policy. She began her legal career as a Senior Briefing Clerk at a firm in Austin, Texas, where she reviewed and analyzed files for workers' compensation attorneys to assist with benefit review. She will work under the supervision of licensed attorneys at Miller, Miller & Canby, while her application to the Maryland Bar is pending.

Shelly Vallone is a 2023 graduate of the William & Mary Law School. She joins the Land Use & Zoning practice group and will also work in Real Estate Litigation, Construction Litigation, and Eminent Domain & Condemnation. Her interest in land use and eminent domain law began with her internship through the Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission, in conjunction with the Virginia Institute of Marine Science, where she conducted research on coastal resources management and assisted municipalities on Virginia's Eastern shore in obtaining grant funding for coastal resilience projects. She worked at several law firms in Virginia as a legal intern prior to joining Miller, Miller & Canby, developing skills on a variety of land use and property matters, including land use entitlements, zonings and rezonings, special use permits, and special exceptions. She also worked with real estate transactional teams on real estate contracts and documents, such as reciprocal easement agreements and condominium bylaws. She was the 2023 recipient of the prestigious Toby Prince Brigham OCA Scholarship, awarded by Owners' Counsel of America. She will work under the supervision of licensed attorneys at Miller, Miller & Canby, while her application to the Maryland Bar is pending.

"Miller, Miller & Canby is pleased to welcome these exemplary young leaders to our firm," said Managing Shareholder Michael Campbell. For more than seven decades, we have grown with our community to meet the legal needs of businesses and individuals in Maryland and beyond. We are proud to add these new members to our team in our continued quest to provide the highest caliber of service to our valued clients."

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clients and have the opportunity to develop and foster trusted, lasting relationships. In all of our practice areas, an overarching concern for quality of product and efficiency of accomplishment assures clients that we strive for true value in legal representation. Miller, Miller & Canby is proud to have maintained this standard of service since the firm's founding in 1946. For more information, visit <u>www.millermillercanby.com</u>.

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