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DILWORTH PAXSON ACQUIRES SMITH STRATTON

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January 16, 2018 (Philadelphia, PA) - Dilworth Paxson LLP, announced today a combination with Princeton, New Jersey-based Smith Stratton.

The merger, which brings Smith Stratton's ten attorneys into the Dilworth fold, will diversify Dilworth's existing litigation practice while augmenting its presence along the hallowed Pharmaceutical Corridor and into New York.

"Smith Stratton's and Dilworth's respective areas of deep expertise complement each other perfectly, and the presence of a new touchstone in Princeton substantially enhances our shared capacity to serve our growing roster of pharmaceutical clients," said Dilworth Chairman & CEO **Ajay Raju**. "As part of the transition, Dilworth's Princeton office will bear the name Dilworth Paxson Smith Stratton."

Founded in 1949, Smith, Stratton, Wise, Heher & Brennan LLP has honed a reputation over the past seven decades as a Northeast powerhouse in sophisticated insurance and reinsurance matters, representing a broad array of insurers and reinsurers ranging from specialty insurers to Fortune 500 Companies, earning a U.S. News – Best Lawyers "Best Law Firms" metropolitan first-tier ranking. Like Dilworth's stable of attorneys, Smith Stratton lawyers also handle a broad range of products liability and commercial litigation matters, and maintain busy practices in health care, trusts and estates and appellate litigation.

"Joining forces with Dilworth markedly enhances Smith Stratton's capacity to serve its clients' needs in complex litigation matters throughout the Northeast," said Smith Stratton Managing Partner Thomas Schorr. "Smith Stratton's attorneys look forward to continuing to deliver excellent and cost effective client service in conjunction with the exceptionally talented attorneys at Dilworth. We anticipate a great future together."

"Even more meaningful than the self-evident business case for this marriage is the philosophical argument," said Raju. "There is an undeniable sympathy of values between our two firms, namely, the shared belief in an unyielding dedication to client service, and a conviction that consistently excellent lawyering is the proof of that dedication. Dilworth Paxson and Smith Stratton have built sterling legacies on their own, but from our perspective, this is a match that was always meant to be."