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Alexandre Dufresne named managing partner of Spiegel Sohmer

Montréal, Canada, January 23, 2012 --- Spiegel Sohmer Inc., a legal firm specializing in taxation law, business law and litigation, announced today that **Alexandre Dufresne** has been appointed managing partner.

Following a unanimous decision by his peers, Alexandre assumed his new duties on January 1, 2012. He succeeds **Robert Raich**, who served as managing partner for more than 25 years. Robert will remain with the firm and continue to be involved in its management.

Alexandre Dufresne, 35, joined Spiegel Sohmer in 1998 and has built his career there. He enjoys an excellent reputation as an expert in taxation law, and his entrepreneurial spirit has helped him rise quickly within the firm. *The Best Lawyers in Canada* lists Alexandre as one of the top taxation lawyers in the country, and in 2010, he was honoured as one of the *Lexpert® Rising Stars: Leading Lawyers Under 40*.

“I am very pleased to have been chosen by my peers for this position,” said Alexandre. “Robert Raich has done a superlative job over the last 26 years. Under his management, our firm has become a leader in taxation law and we have adapted well to contemporary legal and economic realities. I intend to continue developing our business model by focusing on our recognized areas of expertise. Our dynamic energy and entrepreneurial spirit will continue to make us an indispensable choice for both clients and employees.”

The appointment was applauded by founding partner **David Sohmer**, who also thanked Robert Raich for his dedicated service. “Robert is a first-rate lawyer and he has been an outstanding managing partner. Alexandre, who has distinguished himself in his practice and on our management committee, is an excellent choice as Robert’s replacement.”

About Spiegel Sohmer

Spiegel Sohmer is a legal firm offering state-of-the-art expertise to a diversified business clientele that seeks innovative, practical, effective solutions. Deeply rooted in the community of Montréal, the firm has approximately 40 lawyers specializing in three main areas: taxation law, business law and litigation.

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