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Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson Welcomes New Partner Catherine M. Maraist

Baton Rouge, LA-Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, L.L.P. (BSW) is pleased to announce that Catherine M. Maraist has joined the firm's Healthcare Practice Group in its Baton Rouge Office. Catherine is a former Assistant United States Attorney for the Middle District of Louisiana, where she worked in both the Civil and Criminal Divisions and served as the Office's Appellate Chief. She is licensed to practice law in the State of Louisiana, Middle District of Louisiana, Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and First Circuit Court of Appeals.

In her previous position, Catherine prosecuted claims brought under the False Claims Acts to recover millions of dollars in damages in connection with fraud committed on the United States and its agencies, and oversaw the prosecution of federal criminal and civil forfeiture actions. In addition to her civil work, Catherine spent eight years prosecuting a variety of federal criminal cases, and was a member of the Medicare Fraud Strike Force. She also oversaw the litigation of all civil matters involving the United States and its agencies in the district, including defending the U.S. in Federal Tort Claims Act litigation, the federal agencies in employment discrimination cases brought by federal employees, and individual federal employees in *Bivens* actions.

Catherine earned her J.D. from the Paul M. Hebert Law Center of Louisiana State University in 1998, where she was a member of the Louisiana Law Review and inducted into the Order of the Coif. In 1988 she received her Bachelor of Arts *cum laude* from University of Texas at Austin. She also participated in the Rutgers University in Florence, Italy Junior Year Abroad Program at Università degli Studi di Firenze from 1986-1987.

"We are pleased to welcome Catherine to our team," said BSW Managing Partner Scott Hensgens. "She has an outstanding reputation in a highly technical practice area that is poised for explosive growth. Her experience prosecuting claims brought under the Federal False Claims Act and in Federal Tort Claims Act litigation will mesh quite well with our own strength in the healthcare regulatory and litigation fields. We look forward to benefiting from her experiences as a former Assistant U.S. Attorney in both civil and criminal capacities."

BSW was founded in Baton Rouge in 1928. Today, BSW is a multi-specialty law firm with 70 attorneys serving the legal and business needs of people and companies throughout Louisiana. The firm has offices in Baton Rouge and New Orleans. For more information, please contact Margaret A. Martin, 225-376-3640.

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