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CRANFILL SUMNER & HARTZOG LLP ANNOUNCES NEW PARTNER

Frank Albetta joins the Wilmington Office

RALEIGH, N.C. – The civil defense firm of Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP is pleased to announce the addition of its newest partner, Frank Albetta, to its Wilmington, N.C. office. Mr. Albetta has over 30 years of experience in all aspects of Employment and Civil Rights counseling and litigation, and his practice in the firm's Wilmington office will focus on Employment, Civil Rights, and Education law.

Prior to joining Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog, Mr. Albetta was a shareholder in the Washington, D.C. litigation firm of Charles Morgan, Jr. & Associates, where he was a member of the team that obtained a defense judgment in the largest sex discrimination case ever brought by the EEOC (EEOC v. Sears, Roebuck & Co.). He also worked on the defense of the University of North Carolina against the Office of Civil Rights of the U.S. Department of Education in judicial and administrative litigation pursuant to Title VI of the Education Amendments of 1972.

During 20 years with his own firm in Santa Fe, New Mexico, Mr. Albetta defended employment and civil rights claims against a variety of public and private employers and government entities, including Los Alamos National Laboratory, served as the Chair and a Founding Member of the Board of Directors of the Employment and Labor Law Section of the State Bar of New Mexico, and was a member of the New Mexico State Bar Task Force to Assist Gulf Military Personnel and Their Families.

With the addition of Mr. Albetta to the firm's Wilmington office, Cranfill Sumner and Hartzog LLP offers a unique level of expertise to employers and municipalities in the southeastern North Carolina region.

About Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP

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