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MARTIN AXELROD JOINS DYKEMA IN GRAND RAPIDS

Brings Over 25 Years of Finance, Management Consulting, Entrepreneurship and Wealth Management Experience to Firm

Grand Rapids, Michigan – January 16, 2013 – Dykema announces that Martin Axelrod has joined the firm's Grand Rapids office. Axelrod is a transactional attorney whose practice focuses on real estate and business transactions, with emphasis on real estate and corporate finance matters and business succession planning. Axelrod comes to Dykema and the legal profession after amassing more than 25 years of broad and varied business experience.

Brian Page, member and Grand Rapids-based team leader in Dykema's Real Estate Practice Group, observes, "Martin's two-and-a-half decades of business experience provide unique perspective. His special understanding of how clients finance and manage their business operations, coupled with his legal proficiency and the resources of Dykema, make him a valued resource and bolster our real estate and business transactional team in this important market."

Just prior to embarking upon his legal career, Axelrod led a multi-disciplinary wealth management team in the private banking group of a super-regional bank delivering services that included wealth planning, investment management, insurance, credit and trust services.

Previously, Axelrod served as director of business development for a software quality and performance consulting firm, co-led the concept development of a technology start-up, owned and operated a hospitality and marine service business, worked in sales and trading for a major investment bank, and led a sales and marketing team for a global technology and management consulting firm.

He is a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Charterholder, a board member and immediate past president of the CFA Society West Michigan and he serves as a volunteer for youth athletics in the Forest Hills (Grand Rapids) area.

Axelrod has a B.A. (Mathematics) from Northwestern University, an M.B.A. (Finance, Marketing, International Business) from Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University and a J.D. *magna cum laude* (Business Transactions and Litigation) from Thomas M. Cooley Law School.

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