Renowned Attorney John Hession Joins Firm

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WALTHAM, MA — John Hession, the veteran venture capital, technology, and life sciences attorney, has become a Member of Morse, the Waltham-based corporate and intellectual property firm. Hession was previously Of Counsel at Cooley, LLP, where he was one of the Boston office's founding partners, serving as the initial Managing Partner there. He also spent over two decades at now-defunct Testa Hurwitz & Thibeault.

> "I couldn't be happier about becoming a part of a firm I've known well and deeply respected for over two decades," Hession said. "This opportunity affords me the chance to continue my work with clients in the technology and life sciences sectors, and to do so at a billing rate more appropriate to their emerging-company status. At the same time, my new home offers me the perfect platform for the sophisticated venture capital work I love." Hession went on to say that he fully expects to continue the writing and lecturing for which he is so well-known, focusing on corporate partnerships, technology licensing and venture capital financings. "Morse, Barnes-Brown Pendleton's culture of involvement in the entrepreneurial community encourages this kind of foray into other important aspects of practicing law," Hession explained.

"John's stellar reputation, his expertise, and his widely admired skills made him an attractive target in the context of our plan for growth," commented Managing Partner Lisa Warren. "Add to that his famously high-level energy and contagious enthusiasm, and his obvious on-going pleasure in the actual practice of law, and it's clear John can lead, he can be a mentor, and his addition fits perfectly with our strategic plan." Referring to that plan, Warren added, "We've recently been joined by noted litigator John Tumilty, and with these two terrific additions, we can offer expanded services and enhanced capabilities to our clients. The way we see it, John Hession adds strength to an already impressive corporate practice, and John Tumilty brings new capability and leadership to our business litigation practice."

Morse focuses exclusively on the core legal services that businesses need to succeed. The law firm assists businesses of all sizes — from start-ups to Fortune 1000 companies — in the areas of corporate law, intellectual property, licensing and strategic alliances, employment, taxation, and litigation.

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