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## Miller & Chevalier Continues Expansion of International Practice

Christensen Brings Significant Government, Corporate and Private Practice Experience; Strengthens Export Controls, Economic Sanctions and Compliance Capabilities

**Washington**, **D.C.**, **August 13**, **2007** – Miller & Chevalier Chartered today announced that Larry E. Christensen has joined the firm's International Practice as a Member. He joins the firm after serving as the Vice President of Export Controls for JPMorgan Chase Vastera.

Christensen has been active in the export controls area since 1979. He spent eleven years (1986-1997) at the Commerce Department, serving in the Office of Chief Counsel of Export Administration and as Director of the Office of Regulatory Policy. He headed the complete redrafting of the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) in 1995-6, the first such rewrite since 1949. In addition, during his tenure at Commerce, he was primarily responsible for the regulatory and interagency issues surrounding the State Department scope of jurisdiction under the ITAR and authored the deemed export rule and coordinated the policy support for the rule prior to its publication.

"Larry brings a valuable combination of government, corporate and private practice experience that will greatly enhance the existing capabilities that we offer our clients," said John Davis, Chair of Miller & Chevalier's International Department. "His experience in export controls and economic sanctions adds substantial depth in the compliance area to the firm's 25-year export controls practice. We're thrilled to have him join our growing international team."

"Miller & Chevalier has a broad-based international practice that offers a unique platform for my practice," said Christensen. "As demand for sophisticated ITAR counsel continues to grow in the wake of increased compliance and enforcement activity, my background and experience will complement the diversity and depth of Miller & Chevalier's well known international capabilities in areas including FCPA and international corruption, and global compliance and risk management."

The arrival of Christensen is the latest step in Miller & Chevalier's ongoing strategy to strengthen its international practice and continue to provide critical experience across the spectrum of trade and investment policy issues, the related areas of international regulation under U.S. laws and international agreements, and corporate compliance. The announcement follows the addition of William Clements, who is Of Counsel to the firm, and, like Christensen, has significant experience in the export controls and economic sanctions area. He served as Corporate Counsel, International Trade Regulation, for the General Electric Company, and prior to that, he served as Director for Nonproliferation and Export Controls at the National Security Council and as Director of the Office of Technology and Policy Analysis, Bureau of Export Administration, at the US Department of Commerce. From 2004 - 2006, Clements was a member of the State Department's Defense Trade Advisory Group (DTAG).

### **About Larry Christensen**

Larry Christensen has worked in export controls and trade sanctions for more than 25 years and has been counseling clients on International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR) since 1979. He has trained and supervised consultants and managed services employees that have performed

more than 10,000 jurisdiction self-determinations, over 80,000 classifications and more than 100 export compliance assessments over the past three years.

He is the author of the EAR provisions regarding publicly available treatment, including the provisions regarding the scope of the academic exclusion from the scope of the EAR. In addition, he led the U.S. delegation to COCOM in connection with the drafting of the General Technology Note. Mr. Christensen represented the Commerce Department in connection with negotiations with certain of the national laboratories related to compliance with the deemed export rule in its early phases and with the rule that preceded the deemed export rule.

At JPMorgan Chase Vastera, Christensen participated in the consulting practice and managed service offerings of the company. He trained on virtually all U.S. export control topics and certain elements of foreign export controls.

Mr. Christensen has counseled firms in the development of compliance strategies, process assessments and audits. He has also assisted firms facing governmental administrative audits and criminal investigations. He has advised corporations on the most challenging substantive areas of exports, such as commodity jurisdiction, the outer limits of U.S. re-export embargoes and encryption. He has also trained and shaped compliance strategies for the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, the related OECD treaty on bribery of foreign officials, and the U.S. Anti-boycott rules. Mr. Christensen is familiar with the export laws of many countries. He was on the team that trained the Government of Singapore before it implemented its export control laws.

A frequent international lecturer, Christensen has testified before the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives regarding export control legislative developments. He earned a B.A. from the University of South Dakota and a J.D. from Duke Law School.

### **About Miller & Chevalier**

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