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**SAUL EWING LLP PARTNER TO SERVE AS CHAIR OF KEY FEDERAL
OVERSIGHT BOARD**

(Washington, DC, February 15, 2010) — The U.S. Senate on February 11, 2010 confirmed Orlan M. Johnson, a partner in the firm's Business Department, to serve as chair of the Board of Directors of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC).

The SIPC is the U.S. investor's first line of defense in the event a brokerage firm fails, owing customers cash and securities that are missing from their accounts. While a number of federal, self-regulatory and state securities agencies deal with cases of investment fraud, SIPC's focus is to restore funds to investors with assets in the hands of bankrupt and otherwise financially troubled brokerage firms. So far, the SIPC has returned more than half a billion dollars to victims of Bernard Madoff.

"This is an enormous honor and responsibility," said Johnson. "It is my privilege to be the Chairman of the SIPC at this critical time when so many investors have been the victims of immense fraud and are looking for advocates. The SIPC is their advocate."

Johnson was nominated for the post by President Barack Obama. His term on the Board will expire December 31, 2011.

Johnson focuses his practice on general corporate and energy regulatory matters, complex business transactions and federal and state regulatory issues in business and securities transactions.

In addition to his legal practice, Johnson is an adjunct professor of law at Howard University School of Law, vice chairman for the Board of Regents for the University System of Maryland, a member of the Board of Directors for the National Aquarium in Baltimore and the University of Maryland Medical System Corporation. He received his B.A. from Andrews University and his law degree from Howard University School of Law.

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