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Press Release: Bowditch & Dewey's Growing Business & Finance Group Adds Two Attorneys

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Bowditch & Dewey today announced that Julia K. O'Neill has joined the firm as a partner in the Business & Finance Group and Laura Plourde has joined the firm as a senior associate.

O'Neill, who will be based in the firm's Framingham office, concentrates her practice in business, corporate and securities law, counseling individuals and entities in a variety of transactional matters. She handles corporate matters, including private placements, angel and venture capital equity financings, mergers and acquisitions, limited liability company operating agreements and shareholders' agreements, commercial contracts, recapitalizations, secured transactions, employment issues, licensing arrangements, and trademark and copyright registrations. O'Neill's practice focuses largely on startup businesses, helping entrepreneurs in selecting the right legal structures for their businesses, securing debt and equity financing, and handling ongoing operational matters. She has represented many clients from the formation stage through multiple rounds of financings and finally to liquidity events.

O'Neill, formerly a partner at the Boston firm of Feinberg Hanson LLP, is a graduate of Boston College Law School, and received her B.A. from Yale University.

Plourde, who will work out of the firm's Boston office, focuses her practice on business and general corporate law, including mergers and acquisitions, private placements of equity securities, limited liability company operating agreements and shareholders' agreements, commercial contracts, corporate entity selection and formation, general corporate matters and intellectual property protection. She was formerly an associate at the Boston firms of Pabian & Russell, LLC and Choate, Hall & Stewart LLP. Plourde is a graduate of Lewis & Clark Law School and received her B.A. from the University of New Hampshire.

"We are pleased to welcome Julie and Laura to Bowditch & Dewey," said Managing Partner James D. Hanrahan. "Their broad range of expertise and experience in the corporate arena strengthens our firm's distinguished Business & Finance and Corporate, Mergers & Acquisitions practices. We expect Julie to lead the firm's renewed focus on start-ups and emerging growth companies, an area of critical importance to the Massachusetts economy."

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Bowditch & Dewey, LLP is a midsize law firm with the talent, skills and knowledge to handle complex transactions and counsel New England businesses and institutions on the full range of legal issues. With more than 60 lawyers in three Massachusetts locations—Boston, Framingham and Worcester—and a presence in Washington, DC, Bowditch & Dewey offers sophisticated expertise and depth in its core areas of business, real estate, litigation, labor and employment and

estate and tax planning that rival much larger firms.