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NEW YORK, FEB. 29 -- Vera O. Kachnykewych has joined Gersten Savage LLP, one of New York's top five independent law firms, as partner. She specializes in international banking and finance, advising foreign and U.S.-based financial institutions and money services businesses on regulatory, transactional and legislative matters. She will oversee the firm's banking and finance practice.

With a 25-year legal career, Kachnykewych joined Gersten Savage from Dorsey & Whitney LLP, New York, where she was of counsel in the firm's commercial and banking department. Her experience includes serving as the principal bank regulatory lawyer in the corporate finance group of Kaye, Scholer, Fierman, Hays & Handler, New York, as a corporate attorney at Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue, Washington, D.C., and as associate counsel in the corporate group of Bank of Boston Corporation.

"As a senior bank regulatory and international finance partner, Vera will oversee our growing international banking practice. We are delighted to welcome her to the firm," said Jay Kaplowitz, founding partner.

Commented Eric Roper, chairman of the firm's lateral recruiting committee, "We are pleased to welcome Vera to our firm. She is an exceptional attorney and her addition to our firm is a validation of our lateral recruiting efforts."

Kachnykewych represents clients on a variety of matters including entry into the U.S. by foreign banks and securities firms; de novo bank and bank holding company formation; mergers and acquisitions; and regulatory enforcement actions. She advises on regulatory concerns related to the development of new bank products; privatization; regulatory compliance, including anti-money laundering compliance; and the federal legislative process. She also has provided regulatory advice in connection with litigation matters involving financial institutions.

A graduate of St. John Fisher College, Kachnykewych earned her J.D. at the University of Detroit School of Law and an LL.M in banking law at Boston University School of Law. She is admitted to the bar in New York, the District of Columbia, Massachusetts, Michigan and the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Gersten Savage specializes in securities regulation, corporate law and finance. The firm has a diverse international practice that also includes litigation, tax, bankruptcy, real estate and intellectual property. Gersten Savage is targeting strategic expansion across its practice areas and recently formed a lateral recruitment committee to attract partner-level and senior associate attorneys.

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