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### **Legalpeople and The Partners Group Announce Merger**

CHICAGO, IL and ATLANTA, GA – Legalpeople, LLC and The Partners Group, LLC, two of the nation’s leading legal placement, staffing, and document review companies, announced today the completion of their merger. The combined company will possess expertise across the entire spectrum of contract and permanent attorney and paralegal placement and be able to service law firms and corporate legal departments nationwide.

Legalpeople and The Partners Group will maintain offices in Chicago, Atlanta, Dallas, Houston, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Charlotte and Nashville and Document Review Centers in Chicago, Dallas and Atlanta. The management team intends to maintain both the Legalpeople and The Partners Group brands with no changes to operations in existing markets. The new company will be able to service law firms and corporate legal departments anywhere in the country, in any segment of legal placement, including permanent search, substantive-expertise contract placement and document review staffing. “We are excited to tell our clients that we can now support them nationally in any area and at any level of legal workforce need, from staging a large document review in ad hoc space to placing groups and partners with 7-figure books of business or General Counsels –and everything in between,” said David Gruskin, President of The Partners Group.

In an industry marked by turnover and change, both companies have been leaders in their primary markets for over a decade. Both employ well-known and well-regarded former practicing attorneys and Bar Association leaders to staff their offices in those cities. The combined company employs twenty-one attorneys, among other professionals, to recruit and place lawyers and paralegals in law firms and corporations across the country.

“Our industry is undergoing some major changes, particularly in the document review arena, which is increasingly treated as a commodity. This merger signals our re-commitment to the importance of the ‘people aspect’ of attorney placement and staffing,” said Gruskin. “We have found an amazing cultural fit – Legalpeople, like The Partners Group, is committed to providing top legal talent and with an exceptionally credentialed and experienced professional internal team focused on servicing clients rather than selling them. Our combined company will continue to provide the highest quality in legal placement and staffing, while maintaining competitive pricing across all of our service lines.”

“We’ve always said our goal is to provide our clients with two things: outstanding legal talent and extraordinary service,” said Jim Kosciolk, the founder of Legalpeople. “Because The Partners Group views the business the same way we do, this merger gives us the opportunity to help our clients reach their goals better than ever before. The combined company, with its geographic spread and complimentary expertise, is greater than the sum of its parts, and I believe we are now the very best legal placement and staffing company in the country.”

### **About Legalpeople**

Legalpeople ([www.legalpeoplegroup.com](http://www.legalpeoplegroup.com)) is a legal staffing firm that provides contract attorneys and paralegals to law firms and corporate law departments. Legalpeople is entering its eleventh year of operation, and has offices in Chicago, Houston and Dallas, with the ability to provide services nationwide.

### **About The Partners Group**

Formed in 1999 and comprised of former practicing attorneys, including Bar Presidents, large firm managing partners and senior-level corporate counsels, The Partners Group ([www.partners-group.com](http://www.partners-group.com)) is an Atlanta-based company specializing in the permanent and contract placement of attorneys in law firms and corporations.

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