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## **Meltzer Lippe Announces:**

### ***Former IRS Chief Counsel Sr. Attorney Joins Tax Law Group Adds Additional Tax Controversy Expertise to National Practice Group***

**Mineola, NY** -- Meltzer, Lippe, Goldstein & Breitstone, LLP, announces Laurie B. Kazenoff, J.D., LL.M., has joined the firm's Tax Law Practice Group as counsel.

A resident of Huntington, Laurie is former IRS Chief Counsel Senior Attorney, former Senior Manager in Tax Controversy for a nationally ranked (Top 50) New York City accounting firm and has 25 years of experience representing a range of client interests in a variety of Federal and State taxation issues.

An IRS Estate & Gift Tax attorney, Laurie's experience includes representing a range of client interest subject to Federal and State tax investigations, examinations, appeals, and litigation before the United States Tax Court; all types of IRS and New York State tax controversies; representing clients before the Examination, Appeals, and Collection Divisions; litigation in the United States Tax Court; and negotiation of settlements, including Offers in Compromise, installment payment agreements, and penalty abatements. Subspecialties include estate and gift tax issues, ERISA cases, pension plan qualification issues, IRS and DOL Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration investigations of plans.

Clients include high profile and high net worth individuals, corporations, partnerships and other entities in investment banking, law, real estate, engineering, architecture, medicine, entertainment, fashion, media construction, manufacturing, sports and technology.

Notable cases in private practice include the successful representation

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of clients against the IRS and New York State in the complete abatement of Responsible Person Assessments under the whit holding tax provisions, including an abatement in the amount of \$2 million against an attorney who was an officer in the offending corporation; has represented estates involving real estate valuation issues, including \$100 million in Manhattan properties; resolved cases involving listed transactions/tax shelters; and settled tax liabilities for a high profile client with \$17 million in stock options, negotiating favorable settlements with both the IRS and DOL involving pension plan qualification and compliance issues.

Laurie began her LL.M. studies at the Temple University School of Law and completed her LL.M. at NYU. She received her J.D. from Temple University School of Law, and her B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Business.

Laurie is a Certified Fraud Examiner and a member of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners. Her additional professional associations include: the New York State Bar Association, Taxation Committee; the Nassau County Bar Association, Taxation Committee; the Suffolk County Bar Association, Taxation Committee; Long Island Pension Council; Estate Planning Council of Suffolk and Nassau; the Long Island Association and the Penn NYC Club.

Her lectures include: "Prohibited Transactions," IRS Office of Chief Counsel; IRS Penalties - A discussion of Recent Case Decisions," the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants; "Federal Tax Issues," St. John's University Tax Insitutute; and "Stakeholder Liason, Examination Appeals, and Collection Appeals," IRS Tax Department.

An active member of her community, Laurie is a member of the Huntington Town Main Street Task Force,, the Huntington Town Chamber of Commerce; and has served on the NephCure Foundation Board of Directors,a non-profit committed exclusively to research and treatment for debilitating kidney disease.

Laurie is admitted to the New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania State Bars and the United States Tax Court.

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