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## **MURTHA CULLINA ATTORNEY ANTHONY LEONE FORMS NEW SECURITIES TRADE ASSOCIATION**

**Boston, MA (April 29, 2019)**...Murtha Cullina LLP attorney Anthony R. Leone has formed a new trade association to promote the business interests of state registered financial professionals in Massachusetts. The new non-profit association is called The Massachusetts Association of Investment Advisors, Inc. ("MAIA").

In addition, the goal of MAIA is to improve business conditions in the financial services industry in Massachusetts and provide a forum for education and training, networking, and advocacy.

The MAIA held its first meeting on Thursday, April 25, at 99 High Street in Boston. Attorney Leone led a discussion regarding the MAIA's goals and Q1 Trends at the Massachusetts Securities Division. Over 30 financial professionals attended.

Attorney Leone is a member of the firm's Litigation Department and is experienced in business litigation matters including securities and bankruptcy litigation. Mr. Leone serves as vice chair of the Securities Law Practice Group and has extensive experience counseling investment advisor and broker-dealer firms and individuals with registrations, examinations, investigations, and enforcement actions.

Prior to joining Murtha Cullina, Mr. Leone was an Assistant Director for Enforcement at the Massachusetts Securities Division of the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth. He represented the Securities Division as lead counsel in a number of high-profile matters. While a member of the Securities Division, he also served as a member of the North American Securities Administrators Association Litigation Forum and Arbitration project groups. During law school, Mr. Leone served as judicial intern with the Honorable Leo T. Sorokin, U.S. District Court (D. Mass.).

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