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Ongoing Volunteer Counsel Advances Delivery of Emergency Medical Services

Stephen H. Kinney, Jr. is Senior Counsel in the Business and Finance Practice at Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP where his practice focuses on secured and unsecured debt financing; mortgage and other indentures; structured finance; and mergers, acquisitions, divisions, and restructurings involving debt securities on indentures, primarily in the utility and energy industries. Mr. Kinney received his B.S. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1970 and his J.D. from Harvard Law School in 1973.

Mr. Kinney leads Morgan Lewis' representation as volunteer counsel for **The Regional Emergency Medical Services Council of New York City, Inc.** (REMSCO). Mr. Kinney's relationship with REMSCO began back in 1997 when he worked with the firm of Reid & Priest. REMSCO works to improve emergency medical services in New York City, with a goal of coordinating the City's emergency medical services in order to decrease the rates of death and disability caused by sudden accidents and illnesses, and to further ensure the availability of prompt and effective emergency care.

Early in his representation, Mr. Kinney helped REMSCO register several trademarks and interpret provisions of the Public Health Law under which REMSCO operates. Over the years, Mr. Kinney and others at his firm worked on a variety of matters, including copyright guidance, conflict of interest policies, contract review, lobbying restrictions, development of protocols, and interpretation of administrative code. When Mr. Kinney moved to Morgan Lewis in 2008, he introduced REMSCO to the firm and the relationship continued.

Nancy Benedetto, REMSCO's Executive Director of Administration, is grateful for Mr. Kinney's assistance. "Legal issues and their associated fees can not only limit the good works done by not-for-profit and community groups, they can be financially devastating. Without the pro bono legal help from professionals like Stephen Kinney, our limited funds would be greatly diminished. Mr. Kinney has assisted us with navigating through Public Health Law, understanding and using our agency's relationship to and with the NYS Department of Health, and dealing with more common problems, such as employer-employee relations and copyright laws. He has helped us avoid potential legal issues with knowledgeable advice and recommendations."

Mr. Kinney has enjoyed working with REMSCO and says, "It has been a pleasure and an inspiration working with REMSCO over the years. Its officers, directors, and personnel are dedicated, hard-working, and motivated – not by profit but by the desire to make New York City a better, safer place for everyone. It has been deeply satisfying to help them and their organization to provide this vital service to so many."