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**Riker Danzig Welcomes Bankruptcy Associate John Derek Stern**

Madison, NJ (May 18, 2026) – Riker Danzig LLP is pleased to welcome John Derek Stern as an associate in the Firm's Bankruptcy and Corporate Restructuring Group.

Stern will focus his practice on bankruptcy and corporate restructuring, debtor-creditor rights, assignments for the benefit of creditors, and commercial litigation, including related state-court insolvency and creditor-remedy proceedings. He is experienced in Chapter 11 matters involving business and individual debtors, corporate restructuring issues, and bankruptcy-related litigation. His work includes representing parties in complex insolvency proceedings and handling State court litigation arising from distressed business operations and creditor enforcement actions.

Upon graduating from law school, John served as a law clerk to the Hon. Philip M. Freedman, J.S.C. (Ret.), in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Essex Vicinage, Special Civil Part, during the 2019–2020 court term. He thereafter served as a staff attorney for the New Jersey Superior Court, the sole staff attorney assigned to the Sexually Violent Predator Court to assist Superior Court judges assigned from every vicinage in New Jersey.

John received his J.D. from Rutgers School of Law–Newark and his B.A., *magna cum laude*, in Law & Society from Ramapo College of New Jersey. During law school, Stern was the Managing Research Editor of the *Rutgers Computer & Technology Law Journal* and served as a member of the Federal Tax Law Clinic. He also interned for the Hon. Vincent F. Papalia, U.S.B.J., Dist. of N.J., and in the legal department of Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey.

Prior to joining Riker, Stern was an associate at McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, and he had previously worked in the foreclosure litigation unit at McCalla, Raymer, Leibert, Pierce, LLC.

\* See attached photo.

About Riker Danzig:

For over 140 years, Riker Danzig LLP has focused on providing high-quality legal services to the business community. Headquartered in Madison, New Jersey, the Firm has additional offices in Trenton and midtown Manhattan. Riker Danzig has earned a national reputation for expertise in trial and appellate litigation, insurance, commercial law and bankruptcy and, in addition, has highly-respected practices in products liability, securities litigation, environmental law, governmental

affairs, real estate, financial services, white collar criminal defense and investigations, employment law, corporate law and mergers & acquisitions, public utilities, intellectual property, tax, trusts and estates, and family practice.