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FORMER FEDERAL PROSECUTORS LAUNCH WOMEN-OWNED BOUTIQUE LAW FIRM IN NEW YORK SPECIALIZING IN CIVIL RIGHTS AND SEXUAL MISCONDUCT MATTERS, INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS, WRONGFUL CONVICTIONS AND CRIMINAL DEFENSE

***Founding Partners Led Ground-Breaking Racketeering Investigation and Prosecution of R. Kelly in the Eastern District of New York and Served as Chiefs of Civil Rights and Organized Crime and Gangs Sections***

October 24, 2022, New York, New York – Elizabeth Geddes and Nadia Shihata, two veteran former federal prosecutors, announced the launch of Shihata & Geddes LLP, a boutique law firm based in New York City offering personalized and exceptional client service to individuals and organizations. Drawing on their combined decades of experience in complex investigations and high-stakes litigation in trial and appellate courts, Shihata & Geddes LLP will specialize in civil rights and sexual misconduct matters; internal investigations and proactive civil rights audits for educational institutions, sports associations, corporations and nonprofits; wrongful convictions and criminal defense.

Together, as federal prosecutors, Ms. Geddes and Ms. Shihata led the groundbreaking investigation and prosecution of R&B musician Robert Sylvester Kelly, also known as “R. Kelly,” who was convicted after a six-week trial in the Eastern District of New York of racketeering and related offenses and sentenced to 30 years’ imprisonment. This was the first time Kelly was held criminally accountable for his conduct after decades of allegations and abuse.

“We are excited to put the skills we’ve gained conducting complex investigations and successfully prosecuting criminal cases to work in the private sector to provide excellent, innovative service to our clients with a personal touch,” Ms. Shihata said. “Our experience includes investigating sexual abuse in business and not-for-profit settings, in areas as varied as the music industry and the federal prison system. Wherever such misconduct takes place, it

endures when oversight is lacking and people look the other way. The first step for any organization dealing with these issues is to competently investigate them and ensure that the proper policies and procedures are in place to prevent misconduct from occurring and to root it out early when it does. Our firm is well-suited to handle these sensitive investigations and to proactively assist organizations in complying with both the letter and spirit of civil rights laws, reducing the risk of future misconduct and harm.”

“We are deeply committed to providing excellent representation to individuals who have been deprived of their civil rights and those who have been sexually abused and harassed,” Ms. Geddes said. “We understand that individuals sometimes feel powerless to act after having been abused by individuals in positions of power. Leveraging our extensive investigative and litigation experience, our firm will zealously advocate for our clients and craft strategies tailored to their needs.”

Elizabeth Geddes was a federal prosecutor for more than 15 years, serving in several senior leadership positions, including most recently as Chief of the Civil Rights Section within the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of New York, where she oversaw the Office’s investigations into civil rights violations, hate crime offenses and sex trafficking. Ms. Geddes also served as a Deputy Chief of the Criminal Division, where she helped to manage more than 115 attorneys and oversee all of the Office’s criminal investigations. In addition, Ms. Geddes personally led numerous investigations involving civil rights violations, racketeering, public corruption, human trafficking, complex fraud and violent crimes, including dozens of unsolved murders, and tried ten cases. She also supervised dozens of criminal trials, and argued multiple appeals before the Second Circuit.

Nadia Shihata served as a federal prosecutor at the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of New York for over 11 years. She held several senior leadership roles, including most recently serving as Chief of the Office’s Organized Crime and Gangs Section, where she supervised complex racketeering and violent crime investigations and prosecutions. Ms. Shihata also previously served as Deputy Chief of the Office’s Public Integrity Section, supervising public corruption investigations involving bribery, fraud, theft of government funds, and money laundering. As a prosecutor, Ms. Shihata personally led and handled numerous investigations involving civil rights violations, sexual abuse of female inmates in the federal prison system, extortion, public corruption, racketeering, and violent crimes, including murder. She personally tried nine cases, supervised dozens of criminal trials, and argued multiple appeals before the Second Circuit. Prior to her work as a federal prosecutor, Ms. Shihata served as Appeals Counsel in the Office of the Prosecutor at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia in the Hague, Netherlands, and as a litigation associate at a large multi-national law firm based in Washington, DC.

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