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Three new Partners join Gianni, Origoni, Grippo & Partners in Padua

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Padua, June 11th 2010 – The international law firm Gianni, Origoni, Grippo & Partners strengthens its office in Padua with the arrival of new Partners Paolo Brugnera, Paolo Gnignati and Marco Malipiero who join from Simmons and Simmons Italy.

With these new lateral hires, the number of Partners based in Gianni, Origoni, Grippo & Partners' office in Padua increases from 2 to 5, further enhancing the firm's capability of delivering a wide range of top quality services and confirming its leadership in the North-Eastern region of Italy.

Paolo Brugnera boasts a solid track record in corporate finance and in commercial contracts. In 1996, he founded with Paolo Gnignati an independent law firm which then merged with Simmons & Simmons. He has been Partner in the Corporate Department since 2002.

Marco Malipiero is an expert in corporate finance and in commercial contracts, with a strong experience in energy and infrastructure deals. He joined Simmons & Simmons in 2004, and became Partner in the Corporate Department in 2009.

Paolo Gnignati advises financial institutions and companies in litigation, insolvency and restructuring. He joined Simmons & Simmons in 2002, becoming head of the Litigation Department in 2004 and co-head of the Corporate Restructuring Department in 2007.

Tomaso Cenci, Managing Partner at Gianni, Origoni, Grippo & Partners commented: "I warmly welcome our new colleagues. Thanks to their experience and skills we will be able to further expand our reach and reinforce our local network, a strategy we have successfully pursued throughout the years".

Notes to Editor:

- Gianni, Origoni, Grippo & Partners is an international law firm with over 330 lawyers distributed in the offices of Rome, Milan, Bologna, Padua, Turin, Brussels, London and New York.
- The Firm is considered among the leaders in Italy in global business services and is active in the field of M&A, Corporate, Banking and Finance, Capital Markets, Antitrust and Regulatory, Real Estate, Litigation and Arbitration, Restructuring, Public Law and Tenders, Environmental, Projects, Tax, Labour and IP.
- The Firm was named "Italy Law Firm of the Year" at the 2010 IFLR Awards. It is the third time the firm receives this award; it also won in 2004 and in 2006.

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