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HERRICK, FEINSTEIN'S BARBAROS KARAAHMET NAMED FIRST TURKISH-AMERICAN PRESIDENT OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF NEW YORK

New York, August 3, 2012 – Herrick Feinstein LLP's Barbaros M. Karaahmet has been named as the first Turkish-American president of The Rotary Club of New York in the 103-year history of the organization. Established in 1909, The Rotary Club of New York was the sixth chapter of Rotary International formed in the U.S. and for most of its history has been known as "The Host Club of America" due to its importance in welcoming international visitors and promoting international relationships and service.

The Rotary Club of New York provides civic-minded business and professional leaders with a meaningful way to make contributions to local communities in New York City as well as in underserved areas around the world. The New York Rotary Foundation, which raises funds for local and global social programs, supports more than two dozen organizations which have included the Salvation Army, YM-YWCA, Boy Scouts, Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center, Madison Square Boys & Girls Club, Saint Agnes Soup Kitchen, National Association for Visually Handicapped, Police and Firemen's Recognition Day and Polio Plus. The Rotary movement began in 1905 and today there are over 1.2 million Rotarians who belong to over 32,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas.

"The Rotary Club of New York and Rotary International are invaluable organizations that have been promoting community and international service and cross-cultural understanding for more than a century," said Mr. Karaahmet. "It is an honor to serve as president and to continue the critical mission of the club."

Mr. Karaahmet, who is qualified to practice law both in the U.S. and Turkey, serves as Counsel at Herrick and is co-chair of the firm's Emerging Markets Practice, helping expand its representation of the Turkish government, and working with a growing number of Turkish companies doing business in the U.S. and U.S. companies investing in Turkey and the surrounding region. He has been an active Rotarian for 17 years.

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