

# Press Release

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Today, Reid Davis LLP and Fensterstock & Partners LLP have been retained by the governments of Colombia to prosecute a civil Racketeering Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act claim and related common law claims against major liquor distributors including Diageo North America, Inc, United Distillers Manufacturing Inc., Seagram Export Sales Company, Inc. and Pernod Ricard. Plaintiffs allege that Defendants are members of a racketeering enterprise composed of illegal narcotics traffickers and Defendants' distributors for the purpose of laundering the proceeds of illegal narcotics sales and illegally smuggling liquor into Colombia.

The action has been pending in the Federal Court in Brooklyn and today Reid Davis and Fensterstock & Partners have been substituted as counsel for plaintiffs.

Bill Reid of Reid Davis, and Blair C. Fensterstock of Fensterstock & Partners LLP released the following joint statement: "We are honored that the Governments of Colombia have decided to retain us to vindicate their rights. The illegal trafficking scheme has deprived the Departments of Colombia of needed funds; we intend to use everything in our arsenals to right the ship and recover their lost profits resulting from this illegal scheme."

Reid Davis LLP is a commercial litigation boutique with offices in Austin, Texas and New York. Fensterstock & Partners LLP is a commercial litigation boutique with offices in New York and Ft. Worth, Texas. For more information, contact Bill Reid of Reid Davis at 512-647-6100 or Blair C. Fensterstock at 212-785-4100.