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ADRIENNE ATKINSON JOINS WILLKIE'S ASSET MANAGEMENT PRACTICE

New York, NY (October 1, 2008) --- Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP today announced that Adrienne Atkinson has joined the firm as a partner in the Asset Management Practice Group in New York. Ms. Atkinson, formerly at Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz, has gained significant expertise in the area of private equity fund formation. She most recently completed fundraising for the \$15 billion Warburg Pincus Private Equity X, L.P. Other fund formation and advisory projects have involved LBO, middle-market, turn-around, and industry sector funds ranging in size from \$500 million to over \$10 billion. Ms. Atkinson's practice also includes advising on fund aspects of complex portfolio company transactional structures, creating special purpose and alternative investment vehicles for fund investments, and advising on transactions at the sponsor level (spin-outs, minority investments and principals).

Barry Barbash, head of Willkie's Asset Management Group said, "We're most pleased that Adrienne has joined our Asset Management Group. She brings a wealth of experience and knowledge of private funds formations that will significantly enhance the group's capacity to service existing and new clients." Ms. Atkinson said, "I am very pleased to be joining the firm and look forward to working with the Asset Management Group to provide clients with a full range of fund-related legal services."

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