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## **PREEMINENT INSURANCE TRANSACTIONS TEAM JOINS WILLKIE**

*Willkie expands Insurance Transactions and Regulatory practice  
with the addition of Dewey & LeBoeuf team*

**New York (March 17, 2012)** -- Willkie Farr & Gallagher announced that a team of 12 insurance transactional and regulatory lawyers has joined the firm from Dewey & LeBoeuf. The team, led by Alexander M. Dye, Michael Groll, Robert S. Rachofsky and John M. Schwolsky, is one of the preeminent practices in the industry, representing insurance companies, investment banks, sponsors and other financial institutions in M&A, capital markets and regulatory matters in the U.S., London, Europe, Asia and Bermuda. The group also includes Scott D. Avitabile, Donald B. Henderson, Jr., Arthur J. Lynch, Vladimir Nicenko and Allison Tam, who will reside in the New York office, Joseph D. Ferraro and Nicholas Bugler, who will reside in the London office, and Christopher S. Petito, who will reside in the Washington, D.C. office.

Thomas M. Cerabino, Co-Chairman of Willkie, said, "We have worked closely with this team in a number of transactions over the years. They are among the most elite practitioners in their field and will add greatly to our capabilities in their areas of expertise."

Alexander Dye said, "Our team is very excited by the opportunity to join Willkie. We see terrific synergies with the firm's world-class private equity, M&A and asset management

practices, as well as its long-established and substantial insurance practice. We look forward to working with the talented lawyers at Willkie to provide clients with the advice and service they have come to expect from us.” The team had worked together at Dewey & LeBoeuf for many years prior to their move to Willkie. “We hold our many friends and former colleagues at Dewey in the highest esteem,” Mr. Dye said.

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