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**U.K. COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT EXPERT PETER BURRELL JOINS
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Firm continues to expand its market-leading expertise on both sides of the Atlantic

New York, NY (March 16, 2012) --- Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP today announced that U.K. solicitor **Peter Burrell**, one of the U.K.'s most highly regarded compliance and enforcement experts, has joined the firm in the London office. Mr. Burrell comes to Willkie after earning an international reputation for his considerable expertise in the areas of anti-corruption, anti-money laundering, and white collar criminal defense.

Mr. Burrell will lead the firm's London Compliance and Enforcement Practice. He was previously the head of Herbert Smith's Investigations and Corporate Crimes Practice and is distinguished for his unique expertise with respect to the new U.K. Bribery Act. The Act completely overhauled U.K. anti-corruption law and is expected to have a critical impact on global anti-corruption compliance by multinational companies.

"I am excited about becoming a part of Willkie's market-leading compliance and enforcement practice, and being able to provide clients with comprehensive, transatlantic compliance and enforcement advice. Reaction from the marketplace has been very positive," said Mr. Burrell.

Ranking him among the top practitioners in his areas of practice, *Chambers UK (2011)* highlights that Mr. Burrell is “*exceptionally good — he’s very hands-on and very practical,*” and is “*excellent for handling the overlap between civil and criminal law.*”

Mr. Burrell specializes in complex and contentious regulatory matters, including conducting and managing internal investigations, either commenced as a result of an internal discovery or in response to an external investigation by the U.K. Serious Fraud Office (SFO), HM Revenue & Customs, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, or the Financial Services Authority.

He also advises clients on controls and procedures regarding money laundering and financial crime prevention, and on criminal liability issues, with a particular focus on anti-corruption policies and procedures. Mr. Burrell is regularly sought to manage and conduct criminal investigations and proceedings, as well as to act for clients in associated civil litigation. He has handled some of the most noteworthy SFO prosecutions, including acting for Severn Trent Plc and Mabey & Johnson in the SFO’s first prosecution of a company for overseas corruption and the first use of the Attorney General’s Plea Bargaining Guidelines.

Willkie is regarded as having one of the premiere compliance and enforcement practices in the United States. With the addition of Mr. Burrell in London, the firm has significantly expanded its market-leading expertise on both sides of the Atlantic.

Willkie’s globally recognized Compliance and Enforcement Practice consists of former federal prosecutors and other high-level federal attorneys, including two former SEC Assistant Directors, several former Assistant U.S. Attorneys, and trial attorneys from the DOJ’s Criminal and Tax Divisions. The firm’s significant experience and successes in handling the entire spectrum of FCPA matters place it among a select few international firms that are prepared to assist clients with the increasingly complex risks and challenges associated with international anti-corruption compliance and enforcement.

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