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**TWO PARTNERS TO JOIN WILLKIE'S LONDON OFFICE**

*Firm expands cross-border corporate practice*

**New York, NY (July 14, 2014)** --- Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP today announced that Matthew Dean and Claire McDaid will join the firm as corporate partners in the London office. Mr. Dean's practice is primarily focused on fund formations, buyouts, financings and venture capital investments. Ms. McDaid's practice focuses on cross-border private equity and investment transactions, including acquisitions, dispositions, financings and incentive arrangements. Both were formerly partners in the London office of Kirkland & Ellis International LLP.

"We are delighted to welcome Matt and Claire to our firm," said London Managing Partner Peter Burrell. "They broaden the scope of the international services we offer our multinational clients, and will complement our insurance and restructuring practices in London and our private equity and hedge fund practices in continental Europe and New York."

“The addition of Matt and Claire to Willkie furthers the expansion of our London office,” stated Willkie Co-Chairman Thomas Cerabino. Commenting on the firm’s alliance with Dickson Minto, Mr. Cerabino said “we value our relationship with Dickson Minto and expect to continue to work closely with them in the future.”

Willkie’s London office provides comprehensive advice to U.K., U.S. and international clients on cross-border M&A, capital markets transactions, compliance and enforcement matters, white collar criminal and civil litigation, restructurings, tax and financial services regulation.

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