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FORMER SEC ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR AMELIA COTTRELL JOINS WILLKIE

New York, NY (September 16, 2015) – Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP today announced that Amelia A. Cottrell, former Associate Director of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission’s New York Regional Office, has joined Willkie as a partner in the New York office.

As one of the top enforcement officials at the SEC’s New York office, Ms. Cottrell oversaw and managed SEC investigations and enforcement actions and was responsible for directing the New York Regional Office’s enforcement program. She had oversight responsibility for approximately half of the New York office’s investigations and litigations, supervising a large team of attorneys, investigators, accountants and paralegals.

Ms. Cottrell has worked on some of the most high-profile matters for the Commission in recent years including matters involving leading dark pools, primary stock exchanges, large hedge funds, and major inter-dealer brokers. Ms. Cottrell has extensive experience with enforcement of securities laws and regulations, across a variety of substantive areas including investment adviser fraud and disclosure violations, broker-dealer regulations and misconduct, alternative trading systems, high frequency and algorithmic trading, insider trading, complex market manipulation schemes, and public company reporting and disclosure violations.

Prior to serving as Associate Director, Ms. Cottrell was an Assistant Director in the SEC's Market Abuse Unit and a Branch Chief in the New York Regional Office.

“Amelia is the perfect complement to our team of former senior government officials who have first-hand knowledge of and perspective on the intricacies related to complex investigations. Her reputation as one of the top enforcement officials is stellar,” said Thomas Cerabino, Co-Chairman.

“After an extremely rewarding decade of service at the SEC, I am thrilled to be joining the talented and dedicated attorneys at Willkie Farr & Gallagher. Willkie's reputation for excellence is truly well-deserved and I am excited to work with my new colleagues to assist our clients in succeeding in the ever-evolving regulatory environment,” said Ms. Cottrell.

Ms. Cottrell will practice in Willkie's Litigation Department, focusing on securities matters including SEC investigations, counseling and enforcement.

Ms. Cottrell earned her J.D. with honors from the University of Chicago Law School and a B.A. (*magna cum laude*) from Williams College.

Willkie's Litigation Department represents clients in a full range of investigation, compliance, enforcement, regulatory and litigation matters, including all types of financial crimes.

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