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**BRIAN LENNON JOINS WILLKIE'S  
BUSINESS REORGANIZATION AND RESTRUCTURING PRACTICE**

- *A former investment management fund executive and counsel, Mr. Lennon has a unique understanding of the commercial as well as legal aspects of complex restructuring matters*
- *Multifaceted experience handling complex restructuring matters on behalf of both debtors and creditors in both in-court and out-of-court proceedings*

**New York, NY (November 1, 2017)** --- Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP today announced that restructuring attorney Brian S. Lennon has joined the firm as a partner in the Business Reorganization & Restructuring Department in New York.

Mr. Lennon has a broad range of experience handling complex restructuring matters on behalf of debtors, creditors, investors and others, and previously served as Managing Director and Associate General Counsel for investment firm Third Avenue Management LLC.

“With a diverse focus on all aspects of large chapter 11 cases, as well as experience and knowledge from the business perspective, Brian embodies what we and our clients are looking for today,” said Willkie Co-Chairman Matthew Feldman. “We are seeing a lot of change in the marketplace, and Brian’s broad grasp of both the legal and business

implications of complex restructuring matters is a skill of tremendous value to our practice and our clients.”

“Having had the pleasure of working with Brian as a client, we know he will be an invaluable member of the team,” said bankruptcy partner Rachel Strickland. “His well-rounded experience will greatly serve many of our core practice areas, including energy and financial services.”

“I am delighted to be joining Willkie’s first-class team,” said Mr. Lennon. “Willkie is home to one of the preeminent global restructuring practices and I am honored to have the opportunity to be part of it.”

Mr. Lennon’s recent major matters include his representation of oil and gas exploration companies LINN Energy and Berry Petroleum in their chapter 11 cases in the Southern District of Texas. Mr. Lennon has also represented key creditor groups in the recent restructurings of CGG S.A. and Hercules Offshore, Inc. In the past, he has represented The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company, Innkeepers USA Trust, Hawaiian Telcom, Neff Corporation, Visteon Corporation and Calpine Corporation in their respective chapter 11 restructurings and reorganizations. While at Third Avenue, Mr. Lennon worked extensively on the restructurings of Affinion Group Holdings, Inc., Corporate Risk Holdings (f/k/a Altegrity), Liberty Tire Recycling, Energy Future Holdings, Global Geophysical Services, Ideal Standard and Longview Power.

Mr. Lennon was most recently a partner at Kirkland & Ellis LLP in New York.

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