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**WILLKIE EXPANDS BUSINESS REORGANIZATION AND RESTRUCTURING PRACTICE
WITH ADDITION OF JEFFREY PAWLITZ**

New York, NY (April 1, 2019) --- Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP today announced that Jeffrey D. Pawlitz has joined the firm as partner in its Business Reorganization & Restructuring Department in New York. He was previously a partner at King & Spalding LLP.

Mr. Pawlitz has a broad range of experience representing debtors, creditors, investors and others in complex restructuring matters including chapter 11 cases, cross-border insolvency matters, out-of-court restructurings and bankruptcy-related acquisitions. He has represented a diverse range of clients spanning numerous industries in some of the most complex and contentious bankruptcies in recent years.

Recent notable matters include the representation of lender groups in the chapter 11 bankruptcies for retailers Nine West, Payless Holdings and Vince Camuto, and on the debtor side, Caesars Entertainment Operating Company, The Dolan Company and GSE Environmental in their respective chapter 11 cases. He also advises private equity and hedge fund clients in connection with strategic acquisitions or dispositions of distressed assets.

“Jeff is a talented attorney who further strengthens our restructuring bench and work with private funds,” said Willkie Co-Chairman Matthew Feldman. “We are excited to welcome him to the firm.”

“Willkie’s preeminent restructuring practice is well-known in the industry and I am thrilled to be a part of the team,” said Mr. Pawlitz. “Additionally, the firm’s strong corporate and private equity platforms complement my practice, which I look forward to expanding at Willkie.”

Willkie’s Business Reorganization & Restructuring Department is a global practice comprised of approximately 35 attorneys with market-leading capabilities in all aspects of business and financial restructurings and insolvency matters. The team represents a broad spectrum of clients (both in and out of court) in the United States, United Kingdom, France, Germany and other key European jurisdictions.

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