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## **WILLKIE EXPANDS CHICAGO OFFICE WITH ADDITION OF MICHAEL G. BABBITT**

**New York, NY (April 15, 2020)** --- Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP today announced that Michael G. Babbitt has joined the Firm as a partner in the Chicago office as part of the Intellectual Property practice.

His arrival follows the Firm's announcement on March 31 of the launch of the Chicago office led by Craig C. Martin, who joined Willkie as a partner, a member of its Executive Committee, and as Chairman, Midwest for the Firm. Amanda Amert, Matt Basil, Sara Horton, Barbara Grayson and Matthew Thomas also joined Willkie as partners in Chicago at that time. The office has since grown to approximately 25 partners, counsel and associates.

Mr. Martin commented: "I am thrilled to welcome Michael to our diverse and growing team. He brings even more trial heft to our group and will further enhance Willkie's offerings to its Midwest and national clients."

Mr. Babbitt focuses his practice on complex civil litigation involving intellectual property and technology. He has deep experience leading high profile patent disputes in district court and Patent Office proceedings. He has a proven record of success in scores of patent matters. He has won multiple completed trials and institution decisions as lead counsel before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB), as well as six major patent rulings in the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals, including rare reversals of both a district court jury verdict and a PTAB decision. He has a background in

electrical and computer engineering, is a registered patent attorney before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and is the co-chair of the PTAB Bar Trials Committee. He received a BS from the University of Illinois and a JD from the University of Illinois College of Law.

“Willkie’s collegial culture and tradition of working together has been evident as I have gotten to know the firm and the people,” said Mr. Babbitt. “The opportunity to help grow the Chicago office, and in particular the PTAB practice, is thrilling.”

Willkie’s Chicago offices are located at 300 North LaSalle.

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