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**OIL AND GAS PARTNER CODY CARPER JOINS
WILLKIE'S ENERGY PRACTICE**

New York, NY (April 18, 2017) – Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP today announced that oil and gas partner Cody Carper has joined the firm's Houston office. Mr. Carper was formerly a partner at Kirkland & Ellis LLP.

“Cody is the ‘real thing’ – a true oil and gas pro who rolls up his sleeves to tackle the critical aspects of upstream A&D transactions,” said Bruce Herzog, Willkie's partner in charge of the Houston office. “His command of title issues, operating level agreements, the compliance landscape and the purchase and sale process makes him a tremendous resource for our energy practice.”

Mr. Carper advises clients on complex transactions across the energy spectrum, including the formation of joint ventures, drilling partnerships and other joint development arrangements, and the acquisition and divestiture of upstream and midstream oil and gas assets and companies. He has extensive experience representing private equity funds, their portfolio companies and strategics on energy transactions.

“We are thrilled to have Cody on board. He is a superb oil and gas attorney with excellent experience, and his strong ties with a number of private equity firms and oil and gas companies

will be a great asset in helping us to broaden our relationships with these and other corporate clients,” said Michael De Voe Piazza, Co-Chair of Willkie’s Energy Practice.

“Willkie’s commitment to the energy practice, as evidenced by its successful recruitment of leading practitioners and focus on delivering the highest quality service to leading energy funds, lending institutions and E&P companies, fits perfectly with my interest in developing long-term relationships both with firm clients and industry peers in the oil and gas sector,” said Mr. Carper.

Mr. Carper recently worked closely with Willkie attorneys in the successful divestiture by Samson Resources Corporation of six packages of oil and gas assets through the chapter 11 bankruptcy process. He has also recently represented several private equity clients in the negotiation of complex drilling partnerships and joint development agreements.

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