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**FORMER DOJ ACTING FRAUD CHIEF WILLIAM STELLMACH
JOINS WILLKIE**

New York, NY (September 8, 2015) – Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP today announced that William Stellmach, former Acting Chief of the Fraud Section of the United States Department of Justice’s Criminal Division, has joined Willkie as a partner in the Washington office.

As the leader of the DOJ’s nearly 100-attorney Fraud Section, Mr. Stellmach was responsible for many of the DOJ’s highest priority cases involving securities and commodities, accounting, health care and government procurement, as well as supervision of all criminal Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) investigations and prosecutions in the United States.

Among other high-profile prosecutions, Mr. Stellmach served as co-lead trial counsel in the successful prosecution of Robert Allen Stanford for his role in orchestrating an \$8 billion Ponzi scheme, for which Mr. Stellmach was awarded the 2013 Attorney General’s John Marshall Award for Trial of Litigation. He also played a lead role in the investigation of manipulation of the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) and other benchmark interest rates, for which he was recognized with the 2014 Attorney General’s Award for Distinguished Service.

Mr. Stellmach has coordinated multi-jurisdictional investigations with multiple U.S. Attorneys Offices and across the DOJ. He served as the lead DOJ contact with foreign and domestic regulatory and law enforcement agencies including the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, the Federal Reserve, and various state and federal Inspector General offices.

Prior to his role at the DOJ, Mr. Stellmach was an Assistant United States Attorney in the Criminal Division of the Southern District of New York, where he focused on white collar and financial crimes. He also served as a Senior Counsel in the Division of Enforcement at the SEC.

“Bill is a rare white collar triple threat, having led the Justice Department’s Fraud Section and also having served both in the prestigious Securities Fraud Unit of the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of New York and in the Division of Enforcement at the SEC. His experience and credibility with each of those agencies will prove invaluable in assisting our clients in navigating government investigations,” said Steven Gartner, Co-Chairman.

“I’m very excited to join the firm. The caliber of the people and the level of the practice across the board give Willkie amazing reach and depth,” said Mr. Stellmach.

Mr. Stellmach will practice in Willkie’s Litigation Department and will focus on white collar criminal defense and government investigations.

Mr. Stellmach* earned a J.D. (cum laude) from Harvard Law School and a B.A. (magna cum laude) from Duke University. He served as a law clerk to the Hon. Lawrence E. Kahn of the United States District Court for the Northern District of New York (Albany).

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

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