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**DAVID MORTLOCK, ADVISOR TO WHITE HOUSE ON INTERNATIONAL
ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, JOINS WILLKIE**

New York (January 11, 2016) – Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP announced today that David Mortlock, Director for International Economic Affairs at the White House National Security Council, has joined Willkie as a partner in the Washington office.

At the White House, Mr. Mortlock advised President Obama and his National Security Advisor on sanctions, corruption and other international finance and trade issues. He helped lead the interagency process to develop and implement sanctions for Russia as well as the rapid changes of sanctions for Iran, Cuba, Syria and Burma. He also developed and coordinated implementation of the U.S. international anticorruption strategy.

Prior to joining the White House, Mr. Mortlock worked at the U.S. Department of State, where he focused on sanctions policy as Deputy Coordinator for Sanctions Policy; Special Assistant to the Under Secretary for Economic Growth, Energy and the Environment; and Attorney-Advisor for Sanctions and Terror Finance.

“The private sector is under increasing regulatory scrutiny with respect to international business activity. Companies both in and outside the United States face the risk of fines or other penalties for sanctions and export controls violations, especially for secondary business relationships through their foreign subsidiaries, investors, customers and vendors,” said firm Chairman Steven J. Gartner. “In the wake of rapidly changing regulations and increasing enforcement actions,

David will offer clients a valuable perspective as they seek to comply with the many security-driven restrictions in the global marketplace.”

“We are pleased to welcome David to Willkie. His focus on sanctions and export controls as foreign policy and regulatory enforcement tools will be an excellent complement to the firm’s long-standing strength in international business matters, from anticorruption and antitrust enforcement to cross-border M&A and investment activity,” said Martin Weinstein, head of the firm’s Compliance and Enforcement Practice Group.

“I am excited to join Willkie’s strong regulatory platform. This is an important time for businesses as they try to understand and comply with a challenging and ever-changing sanctions framework,” said Mr. Mortlock. “I look forward to working with our clients to help them navigate this regulatory terrain in pursuit of their international business goals.”

Mr. Mortlock earned a J.D. from the Georgetown University Law Center and a B.A. from Cornell University. He clerked for the Honorable Martha Craig Daughtrey of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

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