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Cadwalader Appoints Attorneys to Special Counsel

New York, NY, November 24, 2014, Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP (Cadwalader), a leading counselor to global financial institutions and corporations, today announced that it has appointed 14 attorneys to Special Counsel.

"Cadwalader's new Special Counsel includes a number of 'homegrown' attorneys who started with us or have been with the Firm for a significant portion of their careers, reflecting our efforts to foster organic growth," said Pat Quinn, Managing Partner-elect. "We congratulate these outstanding attorneys and recognize their ongoing contributions to Cadwalader."

Joshua Apfelroth has been an attorney in the Corporate Practice Group over the last eight years, playing an integral role in some of the most important recent transactions the Firm has handled. His work in the Corporate field has earned him recognition as a Rising Star by New York Metro Edition of *Super Lawyers* in both 2013 and 2014. He joined the Firm in 2006 after graduating from Washington College of Law at American University, *cum laude*, where he also earned his undergraduate degree, *cum laude*, in 2003.

Gillian Burns primarily focuses on complex securities and commercial litigation, with particular experience representing clients in securities class actions, shareholder derivative lawsuits, and complex contractual disputes. In addition to her client work as part of the Commercial, Corporate and Securities Litigation practice in New York, Gillian is an active participant in the Sponsorship Pilot and has served as Chairwoman of the Professional Development Committee of the Women's Leadership Initiative for the past three years. Gillian received her B.A., *magna cum laude*, from Duke University in 2003 and her J.D., *cum laude*, from Fordham Law School in 2006. She was recently named a Rising Star in the 2014 New York Metro Edition of *Super Lawyers* and named to the New York City Bar Association's Litigation Committee.

Robert Cannon from our Capital Markets Practice Group in London counsels clients in both Europe and the US in structured finance products, with a focus on catastrophe bonds, collateralized debt obligations and similar structured credit products. He has become the leader for the London office in advising the Firm's clients on EU regulation of structured products and insurance-linked securities, a practice which he has helped to develop. Rob received an undergraduate degree from Trinity College in Dublin in 1999 and a master's degree in law from the University of Oxford in 2000. He worked at Matheson Ormsby Prentice and Clifford Chance before joining Cadwalader in June 2007.

Robert Foote's practice focuses on complex litigation in the Commercial, Corporate and Securities Litigation group in New York. Robbie also has worked extensively with multiple *pro bono* clients. He received his B.A. in Political Science and Philosophy from Emory University in 2001 and his J.D. from Emory University School of Law in 2005. He joined the Firm in 2006 after completing a clerkship with the Honorable James E. Graham of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Georgia.

Joseph Jay has represented corporations and individuals in a wide range of criminal and regulatory matters as a member of the White Collar Defense & Investigations Practice in Washington, D.C. Internally, he has served as a member of the Project Management Office for the Distinctiveness Initiative and as an Aspiration Coordinator for the External Perceptions, New Client Development and Client Service Teams initiatives. Externally, Joe has played an important role organizing the ABA's National Institute on White Collar Crime, and he serves as Co-Chair of the ABA's Washington, D.C. Young White Collar Lawyers Group. He received his bachelor's degree, *summa cum laude*, from the College of William & Mary in 2003, and his J.D. from William & Mary School of Law in 2006. Joe spent his entire career at the Firm. His *pro bono* activities have been recognized four times during his eight-year tenure.

Michele Maman, based in New York, is a member in the Firm's Financial Restructuring Practice Group. She was selected to the Firm's Sponsorship Pilot and has been involved on behalf of the group in the Women's Leadership Initiative. Michele started her career as a summer associate at Cadwalader in 2005 and joined the Financial Restructuring Practice Group in 2006 upon graduation from the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, where she was a member of the Journal of International and Comparative Law. She earned her undergraduate degree, *cum laude*, from Barnard College of Columbia University in 2002.

Jed Miller is a member of the Financial Services Practice in New York. His expertise encompasses securitizations of all types, including collateralized loan obligations, non-performing loans, derivative products and municipal assets. Jed joined Cadwalader after earning his J.D., *cum laude*, from Case Western Reserve University School of Law in 2006 and a B.A., *magna cum laude*, from Oklahoma State University in 2003.

Bonnie Neuman's practice focuses primarily on the origination of real estate loans secured by hotels, shopping centers, retail and office buildings in the Finance Practice Group in New York. She has historically worked on some of the most complex and largest real estate transactions in the practice group. At the same time, Bonnie's dedication to Firm initiatives includes serving as the sole associate member of the committee dedicated to improving client service as part of the Distinctiveness Initiative, as well as serving as an assignment manager for the summer associate program. She also was selected to participate in the Firm's sponsorship program. Bonnie graduated from Boston University, *magna cum laude*, in 2002, and from Fordham University School of Law, *cum laude*, in 2006.

Greg Prindle has spent nearly his entire career at the Firm and in that time has primarily represented issuers, underwriters and loan sellers in multiple CMBS transactions, including some of the largest and most critical through a changing marketplace. He joined Capital Markets in New York in 2006. Greg received his B.A. in English and History from Fordham University in 2001 and his J.D. from Fordham University School of Law, *cum laude*, in 2004.

William Schaaraf has worked in the Firm's Private Client Practice Group for 10 years, providing expertise in estate planning and related matters. Prior to joining Cadwalader, he worked in the Bankruptcy Department of LeBoeuf Lamb (prior to its merger with Dewey) and earned an LL.M. degree in Taxation from New York University Law School in 2004. Bill graduated from Haverford College in 1996 and from the University of Pennsylvania Law School in 2000.

Adam Topping is a member of the Energy and Commodities Practice Group located in London, playing a role in providing a range of transactional and regulatory services to a growing number of the Firm's top clients. Previously, he worked at McDermott, Will & Emery and developed a deep understanding of the industry through a two-year position at BG Group and secondments to commodities businesses at Barclays, Deutsche Bank and JP Morgan. He is a 2003 graduate of the College of Law, London, and a 2000 graduate from the University of Manchester.

Christopher Updike practices bankruptcy and related litigation for the Financial Restructuring Practice Group in New York, and he has been involved in nearly every debtor case prepared or filed by Cadwalader since he joined the Firm in 2006. A former summer associate, he received a B.A. from Villanova University and a J.D. from Boston College Law School where he was Managing Editor of the Boston College International and Comparative Law Review. Chris has served as an elected representative on the Firm Committee since 2010.

Edward Wei is an expert on the tax aspects of domestic and cross-border transactions through our Tax Practice Group in New York. He received his B.A., summa cum laude, from Columbia University in 2000, his LL.M. from the University of Cambridge in 2005 and his J.D., cum laude, from Harvard Law School in February 2006. Ed previously served as a tax associate at Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP until joining Cadwalader in 2011.

Jessica Wong, who has spent her career at the Firm, focuses primarily on the origination of complex commercial real estate loans intended for securitization for the Finance practice in New York. Since 2011, she has served as the co-chair of Cadwalader's Asian Pacific American Attorney's Resources Group. Jessica represents the Firm externally through multiple Asian American legal organizations and was selected to be Cadwalader's 2013 Fellow for Leadership Council on Legal Diversity. She also was selected to participate in the Firm's sponsorship program. Jessica received a B.A. from Georgetown University in 2002 and a J.D., *cum laude*, from Brooklyn Law School in 2006. In her second year, she was a student law clerk to the Honorable Jack B. Weinstein in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York.

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