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Cadwalader Elects Five New Partners and Promotes Eight New Special Counsel and Counsel

December 12, 2019 – Cadwalader today announced that attorneys Aaron Benjamin, Christopher Dickson, Nathan Parker, Daniel Raglan and Joanna Valentine have been elected to the firm’s partnership, effective January 1, 2020.

In addition, the firm promoted seven attorneys – Joseph Gambino, Danielle Katz, Matthew Pawling, Catherine Richardson, Michael Ruder, Casey Servais and James Treanor – to special counsel and one attorney – Lorien Golaski – to counsel.

“This is another outstanding group of partners, special counsel and counsel who consistently exemplify excellence in client service, exceptional legal skills and a commitment to our firm values and culture,” said Pat Quinn, Cadwalader’s Managing Partner. “We are particularly pleased that this promotion class is nearly 40% female or otherwise diverse. They represent the best of Cadwalader and demonstrate why we are so optimistic about our firm’s continued growth and success today and in the years to come.”

The firm’s new partners are as follows:

Aaron Benjamin, Capital Markets, Charlotte – Benjamin’s practice is concentrated in structured finance transactions of all types, with a focus on asset-based finance, security and mortgage loan repurchase transactions and related capital markets transactions. He also has extensive experience with structured products and securitization transactions, as well as advising on asset-based financing of a wide range of asset classes. In connection with these transactions, he has developed a sophisticated knowledge of secured transactions law and the Uniform Commercial Code, bank regulatory issues, the federal securities laws, the bankruptcy safe harbors

and derivative products. Benjamin received his J.D. from the University of Toronto Law School and his undergraduate degree, with high honors, from Carleton University.

Christopher Dickson, Finance, Charlotte – Dickson’s practice is focused on real estate finance origination and syndication. He represents financial institutions, debt funds and separate accounts in connection with the origination of mortgage loans secured by all asset types and including multi-state, multi-property pooled transactions, construction loans, bridge loans and loans intended for securitization. Dickson also has experience in the origination of mezzanine loans, the servicing and sale of mortgage loans, mezzanine loans, and participation interests, repurchase facilities and the renegotiation of distressed mortgage and mezzanine loans. He received his J.D. from the New York University School of Law and his undergraduate degree, *magna cum laude* with honors and Phi Beta Kappa, from the University of South Carolina.

Nathan Parker, Finance, London – Parker works on a wide range of financing transactions and has represented leading banks and financial institutions, private equity sponsors, funds and their portfolio companies in connection with their financing of fund finance facilities, including subscription facilities and NAV-based transactions, cross-border leveraged buyouts, restructurings, and holdco and other structured indebtedness. He frequently works on new money investments and direct lending transactions in the restructuring and special situations context. Parker received his B.A. and LL.B. with honours from Monash University, Australia.

Daniel Raglan, Corporate, New York – Raglan represents corporations, funds, investment banks, family offices and other clients on a broad range of complex transactions, including public and private mergers, acquisitions and divestitures, joint ventures and shareholder activism. In addition to his transactional experience, Raglan advises clients on governance, securities and other commercial matters. He received an LL.M. in Law from Columbia University School of Law, where he was a Harlan Fiske Stone scholar, an M.A. from the University of Oxford and a B.A. in Jurisprudence from the University of Oxford.

Joanna Valentine, Corporate, London – Valentine’s practice involves advising domestic and international clients in a broad range of complex corporate transactions across diverse sectors. She specializes in mergers and acquisitions, including private equity transactions of all types, acquisitions and divestitures, majority, minority and consortium investments, joint ventures and shareholder arrangements, as well as other corporate finance transactions and corporate governance advice. She practices both

English and New York law. Valentine received a *Certificat en Droit Français* from the University of Paris (Panthéon-Assas), an LL.M. in Corporate Law from New York University School of Law and a B.A. in Jurisprudence from the University of Oxford.

The following attorneys have been promoted to Special Counsel:

Joseph Gambino, Capital Markets, New York – Gambino’s primary practice focuses on representing underwriters of CLOs backed by pools of broadly-syndicated and middle market loans and structured credit vehicles backed by corporate bonds and other credit products. His practice also involves representing commercial banks in structuring securitization finance facilities, organizing onshore and offshore investment vehicles, and developing, negotiating and documenting a wide variety of financial products. Gambino received his J.D. from Fordham University School of Law and his B.A. in Political Science from Marist College.

Danielle Katz, Capital Markets, Washington, DC – Katz represents investment banks and other institutional lenders in secured commercial lending transactions, CLOs and other asset-backed securitizations. She received her J.D., *cum laude*, from Duke University School of Law and her undergraduate degree with high honors from the University of California, Santa Barbara.

Matthew Pawling, Capital Markets, Charlotte – Pawling’s practice is concentrated in the area of structured finance, with an emphasis on representing issuers, underwriters and mortgage loan sellers in public and private commercial mortgage-backed securitization transactions. He also has experience representing servicers of performing and distressed CMBS loans in a wide range of matters, including loan work-outs and restructurings. Pawling received his J.D. from Brooklyn Law School and his B.S. in Business Administration, with an emphasis in Finance, from the University of Southern California.

Catherine Richardson, Tax, London – Richardson advises clients on all aspects of UK and international tax (both direct tax and indirect tax) and has experience in advising on a variety of different types of corporate M&A transactions, international capital markets transactions and general banking and finance matters. She received Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Laws degrees (BCom/LLB) from the University of Queensland, Australia.

Michael Ruder, Capital Markets, Charlotte – Ruder concentrates his corporate and securities law practice on CMBS transactions and other securitizations and frequently

represents issuers and underwriters in connection with CMBS securitizations, including agency and private label transactions. He also has experience with securitizations involving hybrid ARM mortgage loans, mezzanine loans, subordinate lien mortgage loans and tax exempt assets. Ruder received his J.D., *cum laude*, from Northwestern University School of Law and his Bachelor of Business Administration degree, *summa cum laude*, from Texas Tech University.

Casey Servais, Financial Restructuring, New York – Servais’s practice is concentrated in the areas of bankruptcy litigation, distressed municipal finance and financial restructuring, and he has represented creditors in a number of major Chapter 11 cases. He frequently provides bankruptcy-related advice and opinions to banks and other institutional clients, particularly with respect to close-out and netting of derivatives contracts and Bankruptcy Code safe harbors. Servais received his J.D. from Yeshiva University’s Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, a Ph.D. from Cornell University and a bachelor’s degree with high honors from the University of Chicago.

James Treanor, Global Litigation, Washington, DC – Treanor focuses his practice on white collar crime, with an emphasis on complex civil and criminal matters and regulatory issues, including those arising under the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, U.S. economic sanctions, securities fraud laws, and anti-money laundering statutes. He regularly represents corporations, including their Boards of Directors and Audit Committees, in complex independent and internal investigations around the world involving U.S. criminal and civil authorities, as well as foreign law enforcement. Treanor received his J.D., with honors, from The George Washington University Law School, an M.A. in Russian and East European Studies from the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University and a B.A., *magna cum laude*, from the University of Pennsylvania.

The following attorney has been promoted to Counsel:

Lorien Golaski, Capital Markets, Charlotte – Golaski represents investment banks and other institutional lenders and underwriters in secured commercial lending transactions (both syndicated and bilateral) and CLOs. She also represents financial institutions as lenders and lead agents in subscription credit facilities. She received her J.D. from Tulane University Law School, *magna cum laude*, and her B.S. in Journalism from Northwestern University.

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