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Cadwalader Adds International Arbitration and Disputes Lawyer Simon Walsh in London

London, July 23, 2019 — Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP today announced that international arbitration and disputes lawyer Simon Walsh has joined the firm's London office.

Walsh will join Cadwalader's Global Litigation Group as Special Counsel. Prior to joining the firm, he was Senior Investment Officer at Woodsford Litigation Funding in London with responsibility for global investments. Previously, Walsh practiced for nine years in the litigation and arbitration practice at Skadden Arps. Before that, Walsh assisted in establishing the London disputes group of O'Melveny & Myers.

"Simon has played a key role on a number of very significant international arbitration matters and disputes and has an outstanding market reputation," said London managing partner Gregory Petrick. "We are actively expanding our highly successful disputes practice in London as part of our overall strategy to continue to broaden our London and European footprint."

Added partner Melis Acuner, who leads the firm's London disputes practice, "I have known and have worked alongside Simon for a number of years and have seen first-hand his capabilities and the way he works with clients. I am very excited that we will be working together once again and that he will be in a position to support our clients on their most important matters."

Walsh's practice focuses on high-value, complex international commercial arbitration and cross-border litigation across a broad spectrum of sectors, including telecoms, private equity, financial, maritime, offshore, power and aviation. He has acted in some of the world's largest telecoms disputes.

Walsh has represented both claimants and defendants in the English high court and in arbitrations under a variety of rules as well as under ad hoc arbitrations and has significant experience in the enforcement and annulment of international arbitral awards and judgments. He also has significant experience in the offshore courts in Guernsey, Jersey, the Isle of Man, the British Virgin Islands, Bermuda and the Cayman Islands. Walsh's experience extends to restructuring and insolvency matters, and to regulatory and civil/criminal investigations under the U.K. Bribery Act and the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act.

“Cadwalader has outstanding capabilities in London and in the U.S. and is very committed to growing its global practice,” Walsh said. “In London, the firm is increasingly being called on to assist on more and more complex and critically important matters, and I look forward to making a real impact on behalf of the firm’s clients.”

Walsh joins an expanding senior team in Cadwalader’s London office. Most recently, financial regulatory lawyer Michael Sholem joined the firm from Davis Polk. Prior to Sholem’s arrival, fund finance partner Samantha Hutchinson, real estate finance partner Duncan Hubbard and M&A special counsel Joanna Valentine came on board to expand the firm’s capabilities.

Cadwalader’s U.S.-based Litigation Group has also experienced significant growth, adding 10 partners over the last 18 months, most recently with the additions of former Maryland State Attorney General Doug Gansler and partners Sean O’Shea, Michael Petrella and Amanda Devereux from Boies Schiller.

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