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Bonnie Neuman Named Head of Cadwalader Real Estate Finance Practice

New York partner to lead firm's market-leading transatlantic practice.

New York, February 2, 2021 — New York finance partner Bonnie Neuman has been named head of Cadwalader's market-leading real estate finance practice.

Widely recognized as one of the leading real estate finance lawyers in the country, Neuman focuses her practice on the representation of global investment banks, national and international financial institutions, investors and servicers in domestic and cross-border transactions.

"It is very exciting to announce Bonnie's new role," said Cadwalader managing partner Pat Quinn. "Bonnie is an exceptional real estate finance lawyer and is so well respected among clients and within our firm. We fully expect that she will put her stamp of excellence on our practice as we guide clients through what has been an unprecedented and challenging situation."

Since joining the firm out of law school, Neuman has been part of a Cadwalader real estate finance practice that has over 40 attorneys in the U.S. and London and applies its expertise to the complete spectrum of real estate transactions, including financings, acquisitions, sales and exchanges, development, construction, joint ventures, loan syndications and participations, management, and leasing. The practice's lawyers offer superior depth of expertise to clients developing, acquiring, investing in, or lending with respect to significant projects or providing financing to real estate investment trusts (REITs) and related entities. The group provides advice to many of the world's largest investment banks, commercial banks, insurance companies, and mortgage banks, as well as pension funds, separate accounts and savings and loan associations, in their varied roles as issuers, sponsors, underwriters, investors and lenders to buyers and sellers of real estate assets and companies.

"It is an incredible honor for me to take on the leadership of what has been a storied practice at the firm for so many years," Neuman said. "We are so well positioned to advise clients with their transactions today and look forward to going along on the journey with our clients in years to come."

Over the past 12 months, and even during the challenging economic disruption caused by the coronavirus pandemic, Neuman has been able to advise her clients on critical transactions and financings. She has also been a thought leader and commentator on the current situation, providing her observations and guidance on the real estate industry's greatest challenges.

Neuman has considerable experience in the financing of a wide range of commercial properties, including hotels, commercial office buildings, shopping centers and recreational facilities ranging from single, trophy assets to multi-family assets, multi-use projects and whole-company transactions, as well as transitional properties and development projects. In recent years, Neuman has also established a market-leading practice in the hospitality industry, advising lenders on a number of the industry's most notable transactions.

In recognition of her real estate finance work, Neuman has been recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America* and *Legal Media Group's* 2020 "Women in Business Law" as one of the nation's leading real estate attorneys, and she was named a "Real Estate Rising Star" in 2016, 2017 and 2018 by *Law360* on its annual list of top attorneys under 40 years of age.

Beyond her day-to-day work on behalf of clients, Neuman has been a leader in diversity initiatives in the legal and real estate industries. She has held a number of significant leadership roles, each with a focus on increased opportunities for women lawyers. She is a member of the Commercial Real Estate Finance Council (CREFC) Women's Network, where she serves on several committees.

At Cadwalader, Neuman is a "NextGen Sponsor" in the firm's Sponsorship Program, which matches high-potential female and diverse attorneys with sponsors drawn from firm leadership, providing a next-level opportunity for high-potential women and diverse lawyers to gain higher levels of visibility and access to significant clients within the firm. She is also a member of the firm's hiring committee and serves as a partner mentor for summer and junior associates and is involved in the firm's recruiting efforts both on- and off-campus.

Through her pro bono work at the firm, Neuman has supervised associates and worked on matters as part of the Transgender Name Change clinic, providing representation to individuals who are seeking a name change and are otherwise unable to afford an attorney. She has also volunteered with the firm's Immigration Clinic, achieving Special Immigrant Juvenile Status for a client who had suffered abuse and working on naturalization applications for others.

Outside of work and the legal industry, Neuman is also a member of the board of directors of Nick's Marathon, a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for children with life threatening illnesses. Nick's Marathon has raised over \$75,000 for such causes.

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