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# Sayyed Named Director of the Office of Policy Planning at the FTC

**New York, April 30, 2018** — Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP is proud to congratulate our colleague, antitrust lawyer Bilal Sayyed, on his return to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) as Director of the Office of Policy Planning.

"While we are of course sorry to lose such a wonderful colleague, we are so happy for Bilal and congratulate him on his return to public service," said Cadwalader managing partner Pat Quinn. "He has both the experience and the perspective to play a very influential role in the important work of the FTC going forward."

In his new role, Sayyed will lead the Office of Policy Planning, which assists the Commission to develop and implement long-range competition and consumer protection policy initiatives and advises staff on cases raising new or complex policy and legal issues. In addition, in its advocacy role, the Office submits filings supporting competition and consumer protection principles to state legislatures, regulatory boards, and officials; state and federal courts; other federal agencies; and professional organizations. The Office also organizes public workshops and issues reports on cutting-edge competition and consumer protection topics, addressing questions of substantive antitrust law, industry-specific practices, and significant national and international policy debates.

From 2001-2004, Sayyed served as Attorney Advisor to the Chairman of the FTC. During his time at the FTC, he advised the Chairman on competition-related issues across a wide spectrum of industries, including chemical and mining, petroleum and natural gas, health care and pharmaceutical, defense and transportation, gaming, various consumer products and retail operations, and professional associations and standard setting organizations.

"It is a tremendous honor for Bilal to have this opportunity to return to the FTC and to lead the Commission's long-term planning with regard to both competition and consumer protection," said Cadwalader antitrust partner Amy Ray in Washington, DC.

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