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*Paul Pantano and Athena Eastwood to Join the Firm*

**New York, NY (January 12, 2017)** – Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP today announced that energy and commodities lawyers Paul J. Pantano, Jr., and Athena Yvonne Eastwood will join the firm’s Washington office. They were formerly partners at Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP.

“Paul and Athena will enhance our commodities and derivatives practice and bring a leading enforcement defense practice to our firm. We have known and respected this team for many years now,” said Chairman Thomas Cerabino.

“We are pleased to welcome Paul and Athena, whose broad experience in navigating the regulatory and transactional complexities of the commodities and derivatives markets through various regulatory cycles will complement Willkie’s strengths in this area,” said Rita Molesworth, Co-Chair of Willkie’s Financial Institutions Regulatory Practice.

“We are very excited to join Willkie’s team of outstanding lawyers. Our clients will benefit tremendously from the skills and experience of Willkie’s energy transactional, restructuring, regulatory and litigation practices,” said Paul Pantano.

**Paul J. Pantano, Jr.**, represents energy companies, commodity and swap dealers, financial institutions, brokerage firms and trade associations in a wide variety of transactional, regulatory, investigative and litigation matters. He regularly represents clients in investigations and regulatory matters before the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and commodity exchanges. Prior to entering private practice, he was a trial attorney in the Division of Enforcement of the CFTC.

**Athena Yvonne Eastwood** represents energy companies, agricultural cooperatives, commodity and swap dealers, financial institutions and brokerage firms in regulatory, legislative, transactional and investigative matters involving commodities and derivatives before the CFTC and commodity exchanges. She has extensive experience with respect to all aspects of implementation of the Dodd-Frank Act and its impact on end-users, swap dealers, futures commission merchants, commodity pool operators and commodity trading advisors.

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