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Proskauer Continues Expansion of London Team

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Firm Welcomes Market-Leading M&A Partner Rebecca Villarreal

London, June 14, 2021—Proskauer, a leading international law firm, today welcomed Rebecca Villarreal who joins the Firm's M&A practice as a partner based in London.

"Rebecca is an excellent lawyer, with a wealth of experience, a strong private equity deal sheet and is well-known in the market. We are excited to welcome her to Proskauer," said Steven Davis, co-head of our global M&A practice and co-head of the London office. "Her experience underlines the strength of our asset management practice and adds to our already compelling private equity offering in London. Her arrival will also increase our market recognized expertise in PE Transactions in the financial Services sector as well as our credentials in the private equity real estate space and increase our ability to service the expanding platforms of our clients."

Rebecca advises private investment funds, their portfolio companies and management teams on transactions across the financial and business services (in particular within insurance), real estate, industrials and chemicals, technology and consumer sectors throughout Europe. Rebecca has structured and negotiated the full spectrum of private equity deal types including leveraged buyouts, carve-outs, public-to-privates, growth capital, minority investments, consortium deals and co-investments, as well as the equity aspects of distressed situations.

"We are well-known for being able to advise asset managers on all facets of the legal issues they face. We have been on an upward trajectory, both in London and firmwide, that continues with Rebecca and will continue to develop and deepen the strength of our offering to meet the needs of the clients we serve." said Mary Kuusisto, managing partner of the London office.

"I am thrilled to join such a dynamic team of lawyers and industry leaders and to have the opportunity to continue to grow the strong practice that Proskauer has built," said Rebecca Villarreal.

Rebecca received her B.B.A. from University of Texas and her J.D. from University of Virginia School of Law. She joins Proskauer from Kirkland & Ellis where she was a partner. She was also recently recognized as a "Notable Practitioner" by the International Financial Law Review's IFLR 1000 for Private Equity M&A.

Rebecca's hire follows a spate of new joiners in Proskauer's London office. Peter Olds joined as a partner in the Private Funds Group, based in London and Steven Baker who joined the Litigation department as a partner based in London, both in February 2021.

With almost 100 lawyers, Proskauer's London office provides a comprehensive platform including public and private M&A, corporate real estate, leveraged buyouts and joint ventures, restructurings, finance and fund formation, as well as specialties such as tax, regulation, employment and dispute resolution.

Our team advises leading asset managers such as PE firms, management teams, financial institutions, sovereign wealth funds, pension funds and family offices, in addition to companies across a wide range of sectors, including private equity, sports, media, financial services and hospitality and leisure.

About Proskauer

We are 725+ lawyers serving clients from 12 offices located in the leading financial and business centers in the Americas, Europe and Asia. The world's leading organizations, companies and corporations choose us to be their representatives in their most critical situations. But more, they consider Proskauer a strategic partner to drive their business forward. We work with asset managers, major sports leagues, Fortune 500 companies, entertainment industry legends and other industry-redefining companies.

Proskauer offers a full suite of services for the investment management industry, with a market-leading global team dedicated solely to advising asset managers, investment funds and their advisers, financial institutions and institutional investors across the asset class.

Related Professionals

- **Rebecca Villarreal**
  Partner

- **Steven Davis**
  Partner
- **Mary B. Kuusisto**
  Partner