

Proskauer Continues Strategic Growth of Global Finance With Arrival of Partners Eric Reimer and Gayle Berne

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NEW YORK and BOSTON, February 15, 2024 - Proskauer, a leading international law firm, is pleased to welcome <u>Eric Reimer</u> and <u>Gayle Berne</u> as partners in its <u>Global Finance</u> <u>practice</u>. With broad practices that include leveraged lending, fund finance and restructuring, their hiring bolsters Proskauer's market-leading global finance capabilities.

"Eric's and Gayle's broad experience across asset classes has such strong synergy with our platform and the clients we serve, " said <u>Steven M. Ellis</u>, Chairman of Proskauer. "As we continue to expand our premier practices in finance and private credit, I have no doubt that their arrival will be of immediate impact and value."

Eric has more than 25 years of experience in finance. His practice includes specialty credits, direct lending, front-end lending transactions and debt issuances as well as credit, mezzanine, bridge and acquisition facilities. He has particular experience in the technology, insurance, energy, education, retail, equipment and transportation sectors as well as in distressed, fund, insurance-backed IP and M&A finance. Eric's clients span the finance space, from private equity firms and hedge funds to specialty lenders, direct lenders, distressed investors, borrowers and issuers. He also represents opportunity and investment funds in distressed M&A transactions and in the acquisition and restructuring of debt and credit facilities, bankruptcy finance, including DIP financings and exit facilities, and the ongoing general representation of portfolio companies of such funds. Eric received his B.S. from the University of Southern California and his J.D. from the University of California College of the Law San Francisco (Formerly UC Hastings).

"The breadth and complexity of transactions that our clients are exploring has continued to grow rapidly. Eric and Gayle bring wide-ranging and market-leading experience that will help us continue to meet our clients' changing needs as they look to take advantage of new market opportunities. We are really excited to start working with them," said Usation Breen, head of the Firm's Global Finance practice.

Gayle focuses her practice on senior debt financing with an emphasis on secured and asset-based lending transactions. She has represented borrowers and commercial lending institutions in connection with acquisition financing, cross-border financing, working capital and other strategic financing in industries and business sectors such as media and entertainment, energy, oil and gas and telecommunications. Gayle earned her B.S. from Louisiana State University and J.D. from Emory University.

Proskauer has been deeply immersed in the evolution of the finance industry, working on pioneering structures and products across jurisdictions and asset classes. The Firm's Global Finance practice focuses on a wide range of transactions across the debt markets, with a dedicated team of lawyers with breadth and depth of expertise in leveraged lending, fund finance, workouts and restructurings, investment grade and commercial lending, structured products and specialty financings.

"Proskauer offers depth and breadth in finance and funds, and a team that understands the entire finance ecosystem. As a result, they develop creative, novel strategies for clients that drive organizations forward. It is a tremendous asset," said Eric. "Gayle and I look forward to a fast start alongside our new colleagues."

Eric will be based in Proskauer's Boston office (admission forthcoming), while Gayle will be based in New York.

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The world's leading organizations and global players choose Proskauer to represent them when they need it the most. With 800+ lawyers in key financial centers around the world, we are known for our pragmatic and commercial approach. Proskauer is the place to turn when a matter is complex, innovative and game-changing. We work seamlessly across practices, industries and jurisdictions with asset managers, private equity and venture capital firms, Fortune 500 and FTSE companies, major sports leagues, entertainment industry legends and other industry-redefining companies.

• Eric R. Reimer

Partner

• Gayle Berne

Partner

• Steven M. Ellis

Chairman Emeritus of the Firm

Justin Breen

Partner