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Chapman Moves into Charlotte with Group from Winston

CHARLOTTE, NC (May 8, 2017) – Chapman and Cutler LLP announces the opening of an office in Charlotte at 201 South College Street, the firm’s sixth location. Four attorneys, formerly with Winston & Strawn LLP, joined Chapman to open the office. The team is led by partner and office leader René J. LeBlanc-Allman and partner David L. Batty, and includes Joshua M. Smith (senior counsel) and Eric R. Manor (associate). The group focuses on providing legal counsel to financial institutions and equity sponsors in corporate lending transactions; leveraged credit and cross-border facilities for mergers, acquisitions, buyouts, and recapitalizations; and distressed credit facilities. Lynnette Maldonado, who worked with the legal team previously at Winston, also joined the firm to coordinate office operations and support.

“We are very pleased to welcome such highly regarded and talented attorneys to our firm,” said Tim Mohan, Chief Executive Partner. “Establishing offices with proximity to clients operating in the major U.S. banking centers has long been part of Chapman’s strategic plan. Putting down roots in Charlotte gives our firm a base from which to deepen the level of service and support to clients and business sources throughout the region and we look forward to working with René and David to expand our platform.”

“With our new partners’ leadership, the group will accelerate our efforts to enhance our client relationships and we are very happy they chose Chapman,” said Walt Begley, Partner in Charge of Lateral Recruiting.

“We are delighted to join Chapman. The firm’s culture and commitment to the financial services marketplace aligns perfectly with the excellent legal service that our clients have come to expect through their relationships with us over the years. Chapman provides an excellent platform for our practices and we are excited to open the Charlotte office,” said LeBlanc-Allman.

Chapman's depth of client engagement is well represented in Charlotte. "The firm's commercial lending practice includes the representation of each of the ten largest U.S. banks, three of which have significant Charlotte business operations," noted Greg Klamrzynski, co-leader of Chapman's Commercial Lending Group. "We look forward to collaborating with René and David to expand our commercial lending services throughout the region," noted Steve Hastings, co-leader of Chapman's Commercial Lending Group.

Additionally, Chapman's debt private placements, one of the largest practices of its kind in the U.S., represents institutional investors and business sources with a Charlotte base. The firm's public finance practice, which includes credit enhancement, direct purchase of municipal securities, and municipal leasing, also has a significant Charlotte client base, as does Chapman's industry leading asset securitization and structured finance practice, which includes marketplace lending and fintech, a practice segment for which Chapman was recently named the top law firm in the U.S.

About Chapman and Cutler LLP

The representation of financial institutions has been central to Chapman and Cutler's practice since its founding in 1913. Starting from a base of banking and public finance, the firm and its practice areas have grown and evolved to become a sophisticated provider of legal services to banks, corporations, insurance companies, investment funds, and other participants in the financial services sector. Today, Chapman has offices in Chicago, New York, Salt Lake City, San Francisco, Washington, DC, and now Charlotte, dedicated to representing financial services clients with respect to transactional, regulatory, and litigation matters. For more information, please visit chapman.com.

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