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## WilmerHale Expands Securities Practice with Leading Hedge Fund Lawyer in New York

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WilmerHale is pleased to announce the arrival of Drew G.L. Chapman, who joins the firm's New York office as a partner in the Securities Department and Investment Management Group and head of the Alternative Investment practice. Chapman expands the firm's footprint with financial services clients through his in-depth experience in private fund formation and transactional work.

Chapman joins WilmerHale from Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP, where he served as the head of the Alternative Investment Group. His practice focuses on the alternative investment, asset management, and financial services industries, in which he has extensive transactional, structuring and fund formation experience. He has worked with some of the leading hedge funds and hedge fund service providers throughout his 15 years of private practice in New York. WilmerHale will provide him with the opportunity to bring expanded expertise to his hedge fund clients through the firm's preeminent investment management, securities enforcement, broker-dealer, commodities and derivatives/prime brokerage practices.

"We are pleased to welcome Drew to WilmerHale," said Robert Novick, WilmerHale's co-managing partner. "Drew will act as a core investment management partner to our New York office. The transactional services that he provides complement the manner in which we currently represent our hedge fund and alternative asset management clients in this growing market."

WilmerHale continues to grow its house of experts in New York prior to its move to the Silverstein Properties' 7 World Trade Center later this year. Chapman is one of three recent partner additions to the office.

"I am thrilled to join the ranks of WilmerHale's elite Securities Department," said Chapman. "I look forward to collaborating with the team and adding value to the firm's thriving practice." William McLucas, chair of WilmerHale's Securities Department said, "Drew will broaden the services we can offer to our hedge fund clients. The existing breadth and depth of our investment management, broker-dealer and commodity practices provide the ideal platform to further leverage Drew's practice."

Counseling some of the world's most prominent hedge funds, private equity funds, broker-dealers,

asset management firms and sovereign wealth funds, Chapman has earned a widely-held reputation as a leading alternative investment lawyer. Through the years, Chambers USA and US Legal 500 have recognized his scope of knowledge and talent in the field, and thoughtful client service.

Chapman earned his LL.B. from Bond University School of Law Queensland, Australia in 1995, where he was awarded a Certificate of Achievement in Corporate and Commercial Law, and achieved his LL.M. in Banking, Corporate and Finance Law from Fordham University School of Law in 1998. He is admitted to practice in New York and acts as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales, Australia.