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*PAUL WEIFFENBACH REJOINS AND JOHN CONNORS JOINS BRYANT RABBINO*

Bryant Rabbino LLP is pleased to announce that former partner, Paul Weiffenbach, has rejoined the firm as Of Counsel and that John Connors has joined the firm as Of Counsel.

Paul Weiffenbach is an experienced finance lawyer who was a partner of Bryant Rabbino's predecessor from 2009 to 2012. Paul has three decades of experience representing major international corporations, banks, and governmental agencies in complex commercial and financial transactions in the United States, Europe, and Asia. His principal practice areas include general corporate law, commercial bank lending, project finance, mergers and acquisitions, securitization, and structured finance. In his prior stint with the firm, among other transactions, Paul was counsel to a United States government agency in several securitizations and sales of assets from banks in receivership.

"It's wonderful to have my friend and former partner, Paul Weiffenbach, rejoin the firm following his return to the United States from Asia. In our years working together, Paul was a great partner and valued advisor to our clients. He had a big impact on our young firm's finance practice. When he moved his family to Mongolia so his wife could be close to her family and to allow his children to experience life in their maternal homeland, it was a great loss to our firm. I'm excited to have him back in the fold and to be able to work with him again. For our firm, it's gratifying to be able to offer his tremendous capabilities to our clients," said Seth Bryant, Managing Partner of the Firm.

Paul said, "I am excited to be working again with the Bryant Rabbino team on sophisticated transactions. For a small firm, Bryant Rabbino has really distinguished itself with world class clients and a very exciting finance practice, which I hope to help grow."

Paul began his legal career as an associate in the Washington D.C. office of Millbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy. In 1993, a group of four lawyers, including Paul, left Millbank to start the D.C. Office of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, LLP. Paul started as an associate and eventually became a partner working in the Washington, D.C., London, and New York offices of Orrick. While in London, Paul had the honor of *The American Lawyer* naming him the "Deal Maker of the Year for Securitization" in 2000 for his work as United States counsel in the first European securitization registered with the SEC and publicly offered in the United States. Paul joined the predecessor of Bryant Rabbino after leaving Orrick. After three years with Bryant Rabbino, Paul relocated to Ulaanbaatar Mongolia where he spent six years as a partner in two leading Mongolian law firms. Paul's experience also includes acting as the business legal advisor to the CEO of the company holding the Mongolian government's mining assets.



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John Connors is a seasoned corporate lawyer with significant practice experience on corporate governance, bank regulatory and general corporate matters. Over his career, John has had a unique combination of roles as a chief legal officer, law firm partner, and senior operations executive primarily serving the banking and financial services industries.

“We are thrilled to have John join us after his retirement from UBS where he most recently led corporate governance for UBS’ Americas Region. His vast experience in banking and financial services is an ideal fit for Bryant Rabbino as we develop deeper ties to our clients in those industries,” said Anne Adams Rabbino, the firm’s Deputy Managing Partner.

Before joining Bryant Rabbino, John was the head of Corporate Legal Governance for UBS’ Americas Region and Corporate Secretary to the Board of its U.S. Intermediate Holding Company. Prior to that John was the U.S. Country Manager for Bank of Ireland’s U.S. Capital Markets operations where he established its Connecticut Branch and subsequently its New York and Chicago Representative offices. He was responsible for building and managing the team of professionals who provided the governance structure overseeing effective management of the regulatory compliance, legal and operational infrastructure for the Bank of Ireland’s U.S. Capital Markets businesses. He was a key member of the executive team dealing with federal and state bank regulatory officials. John’s further experience in foreign banking operations is reflected in his nine-plus years at Fortis Bank’s U.S. operations, where he began as the General Counsel and succeeded to the position of Chief Operating Officer. His Fortis experience included integration of disparate businesses, improvement of the governance structure, and the workout of over \$250 million of distressed investment fund assets. John also served as General Counsel of Merrill Lynch Realty, which led him to increasingly expanded roles in both legal and business affairs, including significant experience in corporate and real estate finance matters and securities transactions. John was formerly a partner with Paul Hastings.

*In its fourteenth year, Bryant Rabbino LLP is a New York City based boutique, transactional law firm that provides services on capital markets and finance transactions, mergers and acquisitions, real estate matters, employment and ERISA matters, and general corporate and commercial matters. In 2022, in its periodic league rankings, The Bond Buyer ranked Bryant Rabbino as the seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) most active Bond Counsel firm in the nation by transaction volume. In addition to its diverse transactional practice, Bryant Rabbino is a leading firm on matters related to Minority and Women-owned Business (MWBE) policy, certification and structuring. Bryant Rabbino is a member of the National Association of Minority and Women-Owned Law Firms (NAMWOLF).*