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## *Bryant Rabbino LLP Celebrates Fifteen Years*

A Message from our Managing Partner:

January 1, 2024 marked the fifteenth anniversary of Bryant Rabbino LLP. As the Firm's founder, I feel fortunate to work with a great team of Partners, Counsel, Associates and other professionals as we assist our clients. We see ourselves as a transactional boutique that "*punches above its weight*" in the delivery of legal services. Since 2022, we have been regularly ranked among the top ten Bond Counsel in the United States by *The Bond Buyer* finishing in the #8 position for 2023. We have a great list of clients from Fortune 500 corporations, including financial institutions, leading media and technology companies, to governmental entities like The City of New York, Empire State Development, DASNY, the consortium redeveloping JFK Airport's New Terminal One and the MTA among others, and middle market and small businesses and entrepreneurs, including many minority and women-owned business enterprises. The Firm is itself a certified minority-owned business enterprise. We are proud of our accomplishments as we work hard and are enjoying the journey.

2023 was an exciting year for Bryant Rabbino. The Firm grew by adding new team members, including a Partner and associates. Bernard Armoo became the Firm's first lawyer to start his practice with the Firm and to rise to the ranks of Partner. In addition, we added two new associates, Maribeth Lemen, a talented finance and M&A associate who joined from Ballard Spahr, and Ethan Tillman, a sharp M&A and investment transactions associate who joined from Mintz Levin.

In 2023, the Firm continued to demonstrate leadership in our core practice areas and in the community and was involved in the following noteworthy matters:

- assisting The City of New York, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, the State of New York, including through the Office of the State Comptroller and DASNY, on over \$15 billion of bond financings as Co-Bond Counsel in support of the critical infrastructure needs of New York City and New York State
- advising Paramount Global in connection with BET
- representing JFK NTO LLC, the joint venture consisting of Ferrovial, Carlyle Group, Ullico, and JLC Infrastructure (the joint venture owned by Magic Johnson's Johnson Development and Loop Capital) in connection with a \$1.5 billion bond refinancing for Phase A of the redevelopment of JFK Airport's New Terminal One into a state of the art airport terminal that will "*set a new standard for world-class design and service, a top airport terminal in the world*" ([www.anewjfk.com](http://www.anewjfk.com))
- helping our client, Ramirez, a fifty+ year-old family-owned investment bank and asset management firm in several acquisitions of asset management businesses and in the purchase of a seven-story office building in Midtown
- counseling Soros Economic Development Fund, a leading impact investor, in connection with its "access to medicines" investment to Remedy Alliance, a leading provider of naloxone to harm reduction groups

- assisting Battery Park City Authority as Special Disclosure Counsel in connection with its issuance of \$732,525,000 Senior Revenue Bonds, Series 2023 (Sustainability Bonds), the proceeds of which were used to finance resiliency, seawall remediation, community center waterproofing, and an upgrade and restoration to the Rockefeller Park House and Playground, and projects that comprise part of the Authority's Sustainability Program
- aiding the National Minority Supplier Development Council, the preeminent National minority business certification organization, in the amendment of its by-laws
- leading a powerful panel of experts on affirmative action and the future of Diversity Equity and Inclusion following the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in *Students for Fair Admission v. Harvard* at the Annual Meeting of the National Association of Minority and Women-Owned Law Firms (NAMWOLF) in Baltimore, Maryland

According to the Internet, the traditional 15<sup>th</sup> year anniversary gift is crystal, an enduring material that symbolizes lightness, clarity, and durability. In 2024 and beyond, Bryant Rabbino seeks to continue to bring light, clarity and durable legal solutions to our clients and the larger community. We have big plans for 2024 in terms of Firm growth and expansion, being a leading voice in strengthening New York State's Minority/Women-Owned Business Enterprise laws and regulations and continuing our support for matters related to Diversity, Equity Inclusion and Belonging. We thank you for continuing to give us the opportunity to represent you and look forward to continuing to build our relationships and our practice to help you navigate the ever-changing landscape that affects businesses from Fortune 50 entities to start-ups and successful entrepreneurs. 15 years is just the beginning!

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "B. Seth Bryant". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

B. Seth Bryant