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LOS ANGELES, Calif. (September 5, 2023) – Venable LLP is pleased to announce that Adrienne Gurley has joined the firm as a partner in the Investigations and White Collar Defense Practice in the Los Angeles office.

Warren Hamel, chair of the firm's Investigations and White Collar Defense Practice, said, "Adrienne brings a wealth of knowledge and experience with how government agencies operate, which is crucial to our clients who are faced with investigations by the SEC, DOJ, FTC, and other federal and state agencies."

Ms. Gurley most recently served as senior counsel for a large financial institution, where she was the head of litigation for the private bank. She focused on conducting internal investigations and advising the enterprise on fraud, regulatory, ethics, compliance, Bank Secrecy Act/Anti-Money Laundering, Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC), data and

privacy governance, and global employee relations matters.

Prior to this, she was senior counsel at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), where she investigated and prosecuted federal securities law violations, including market manipulation, EB-5 visa program fraud, cryptocurrency, financial fraud, cybersecurity and data breach, offering fraud, Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, and insider trading. She was an assistant U.S. Attorney with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia, where she represented the United States in briefing 12 cases and presenting four appellate oral arguments in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit and District of Columbia Court of Appeals. In addition, she served as lead prosecutor in 57 criminal trials, including 15 felony jury trials, in the District of Columbia Superior Court. Earlier in her career, Ms. Gurley was an associate with an international law firm, where she represented pharmaceutical companies and technology companies in complex false labeling, unfair competition, and patent infringement cases.

"We continue to grow our Los Angeles office through the strategic acquisition of new talent. Adrienne, who brings a unique and coveted set of skills, will add value to our existing client base and attract new potential clients," said Daniel P. Hoffer, a co-chair of the Commercial Litigation California Practice Group and a co-partner-in-charge of the Los Angeles office.

Commenting on her move to Venable, Ms. Gurley said, "I am excited about the opportunity to join Venable and look forward to supporting the firm's current work in the investigations and white collar defense space, as well as expanding our reach in the LA market."

Ms. Gurley received her J.D. from Howard University School of Law, her M.A. from John Jay College of Criminal Justice, and her B.A. from Columbia University. She also earned a

certificate in Securities and Financial Law from Georgetown University Law Center.

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