Capitol Hill Veteran Yardly Pollas Joins Venable's Legislative and Government Affairs Practice in Washington, DC

Washington, DC (March 10, 2021) — Venable LLP is pleased to announce that Yardly M. Pollas-Kimble has joined the firm as a partner in the Legislative and Government Affairs Practice in the Washington, DC office. Pollas provides strategic counsel on legislative and regulatory matters affecting the telecommunications, media, intellectual property, finance, and healthcare industries.

Pollas utilizes her extensive experience on Capitol Hill to represent client interests before Congress, the executive branch, and various regulatory bodies. Prior to joining Venable, she served as the chief of staff to U.S. Congressman Bobby L. Rush. In addition to acting as a senior advisor and overseeing the development and implementation of Congressman Rush's political and policy initiatives, she was the liaison to Region IV of the House Democratic Leadership's Policy and Steering Committee and the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee. She also has substantial experience operating within the private sector. She previously served as the head of congressional affairs for a major multinational telecommunications company, during which she oversaw the company's legislative staff and political action committee and developed and implemented its legislative agenda before the U.S. Congress, the executive branch, and state legislatures. She also developed key relationships with trade associations, grassroots and grasstops organizations, and consultants to ensure the company remained a leader on pivotal issues and

initiatives impacting the industry. In addition to her domestic policy expertise, Pollas has a wealth of international experience, having monitored elections in West and Central Africa and represented artists and business leaders in Africa and the Caribbean.

Pollas received her in J.D. from American University's Washington College of Law and her B.A. in Political Science from the University of Houston.