

# **Eversheds Sutherland Adds Accomplished Financial Services Enforcement Counsel Ellen Sheridan-Cona as Counsel in New York**

Eversheds Sutherland is pleased to announce that Ellen Sheridan-Cona has joined the firm's Litigation Practice Group as counsel in the New York office, bolstering the firm's financial services litigation practice particularly in enforcement, compliance and regulatory matters. Ms. Sheridan-Cona joins Eversheds Sutherland from the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), where she was senior regional counsel in the Department of Enforcement for over four years.

With more than 20 years of experience in the financial services industry, Ms. Sheridan-Cona will guide clients through every aspect and type of litigation and enforcement matter, including arbitrations, mediations, civil litigation, and enforcement proceedings. In representing investment advisers, broker-dealers and their associated persons in Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and FINRA regulatory investigations and inquiries, as well as in federal and state inquiries on a variety of compliance and regulatory issues, Ms. Sheridan-Cona will help clients negotiate settlements, limit testimony and document requests, and resolve their high-stakes matters expeditiously.

"I am thrilled to welcome Ellen to the firm and our litigation team," said Kymberly Kochis, Co-Head of Global Litigation. "Her extensive knowledge of SEC, FINRA, and state regulatory investigations and enforcement proceedings, along with her experience and relationships with the Department of

Enforcement, will be a tremendous asset to our clients working through sensitive and complex enforcement matters.”

Prior to working with FINRA, Ms. Sheridan-Cona spent over eight years as Managing Director and Counsel of a national New York-based broker-dealer where she conducted and directed internal investigations regarding potential regulatory violations, as well as employment-related issues; counseled on regulatory initiatives, applicability of security laws and regulatory rules; and successfully first-chaired the defense of numerous arbitrations and expungement proceedings. She also gained experience advising clients in state and federal employment-related matters and responding to employment-related inquiries. Earlier in her career, Ms. Sheridan-Cona worked at another large New York-based broker dealer. Her time as both a regulator and an in-house counsel will allow her to provide clients with unique perspectives as they address their regulatory issues.

### **About Eversheds Sutherland’s Litigation Practice Group**

With more than 100 litigators, Eversheds Sutherland’s Litigation Group has tried and argued cases in the US Supreme Court, all 13 circuits of the US Court of Appeals, the Court of Federal Claims, the Tax Court and hundreds of federal district and state trial and appellate courts. Eversheds Sutherland’s litigation team represents regional, national and international clients from a broad range of industries, including energy, financial services, securities, insurance, construction, manufacturing, automotive, distribution, education, professional services, data privacy, electronics, technology and defense.