

# **Brendan Delany Joins Blank Rome in Washington, D.C.**

Brendan Delany has joined Blank Rome LLP as a partner in the Finance, Restructuring and Bankruptcy group. He is based in the Firm's Washington, D.C., office and comes to Blank Rome from Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP.

In a release, the firm said Delany focuses his practice on the financial services, energy and commodities, and real estate sectors, counseling clients in transactions related to energy finance, real estate finance, and mergers and acquisitions. He represents borrowers, energy trading companies, hedge funds, hedge providers, REITs, developers, and various types of financial institutions in connection with domestic and international financing and trading transactions pertaining to a wide variety of assets, including commercial real estate, metals, energy, and agricultural commodities, power plants, and other assets.

The release continues:

"We are excited to welcome Brendan to Blank Rome," said Alan J. Hoffman, the Firm's Chairman and Managing Partner. "Brendan is dedicated to client service and has become well-known as a trusted adviser who goes above and beyond for his clients. His wide breadth of transactional experience will be a great addition to our D.C. office and will add significant depth to our finance, energy, and real estate practices."

Delany assists clients with cross-border repurchase agreement transactions, intermediation agreements, inventory financing, asset-based loans, secured power plant financings, and other commercial real estate financings. He represents clients in domestic and non-U.S. jurisdictions, including Asia, South and Central America, Europe, and Australia. Mr. Delany has

represented privately held and publicly traded entities in a broad range of corporate matters and energy transactions, including acquisitions, dispositions, joint ventures, and restructurings. He has represented renewable energy facility developers, REITs, energy companies, hospital owners and operators, hospital providers, shopping center developers, government agencies, and financial institutions involved in financing arrangements related to the acquisition, disposition, financing, development, management, and leasing of real property.

“In addition to bolstering our energy and finance practices, Brendan’s extensive real estate finance experience will further enhance our well-established real estate group,” said Lawrence F. Flick II, chair of Blank Rome’s financial services industry team. “Our real estate attorneys handle all facets of real estate law, including real estate financing and other related transactions that range from middle-market, single property secured loans to large-scale, multiple property/multi-state credit facilities, and Brendan will be an excellent asset to the team and our clients.”

“I’m thrilled to join Blank Rome, primarily for the vast platform the Firm has to offer,” said Delany. “Blank Rome has engaged in some very exciting growth and expansion in recent years in areas that will be of great benefit to my clients and my practice, including real estate, energy, and financial services. Additionally, I have known Jason Eig, James Kelly, and other members of Blank Rome for many years, and I look forward to working with them again.”

Aside from his legal work, Delany is a member of the board of trustees of the Connelly Foundation in Philadelphia, and currently serves as a member of the board of directors of the Franklin Lyle Stroud, M.D. Foundation for Learning Disabilities and as an adviser to the board of directors of the Washington Jesuit Academy.

Delany received his J.D. from Catholic University's Columbus School of Law where he was a published member of the Catholic University Law Review. He received his B.S.F.S. from Georgetown University's Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service.

Last month, the firm added two energy partners in Pittsburgh and last year welcomed Partner Sophia Lee in Philadelphia, as well as former U.S. Secretary of Energy Spencer Abraham and former Vice-Chairman of the International Energy Agency Joseph P. McMonigle in Washington, D.C., as principals in Blank Rome Government Relations LLC.

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