

Global Finance Partners Nicholas Schwartz and Kristen Smith Join Sidley

New York, San Francisco – Sidley Austin LLP is pleased to announce that Nicholas Schwartz and Kristen Smith have joined the firm as partners in the Global Finance group. Mr. Schwartz joins the firm in New York and Mrs. Smith joins in San Francisco. They join from Kirkland & Ellis LLP where they were Debt Finance partners.

Schwartz has a wide range of debt financing experience, representing private equity sponsors and their portfolio companies as well as strategic borrowers in acquisition and non-acquisition matters. He has worked with an array of leading global private equity sponsors and their affiliates. He also specializes in the financing and strategic elements of restructurings, including complex liability management and other related capital structure transactions.

Over the course of her career, Mrs. Smith has represented numerous private equity sponsors and their portfolio companies, along with public and private companies, in a variety of debt financing transactions as both borrowers and lenders.