Hogan Lovells Adds Top-Ranked Corporate Attorney Kelly Hardy in Baltimore

Hogan Lovells has announced that Kelly Tubman Hardy has joined its Corporate Practice in the firm's Baltimore office focusing on corporate and securities law, including mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures and strategic alliances, corporate governance, securities compliance and general business law.

Hardy advises clients on cross-border transactions, including M&A and joint ventures, in established and emerging markets throughout the world.

"Kelly's track record of success advising global clients and leading cross-border transactions makes her ideally suited to join the Hogan Lovells Corporate team. And her experience in Mexico – both practicing law and teaching at Mexican law schools – and advising Latin American clients will immediately complement Hogan Lovells' practice in Mexico," said David Gibbons, Global Head of Hogan Lovells' corporate practice.

In addition to awards for her legal prowess, including recognitions by Chambers USA, Baltimore SmartCEO and Legal 500 Latin America, Hardy has been recognized by a number of regional organizations for her activities as a Baltimore community leader. The Daily Record named her one of Maryland's Top 100 Women and the Baltimore Mayor's Hispanic Affairs Liaison recognized her work at Education-Based Latino Outreach in Baltimore City.

"Kelly has strong roots in the Baltimore community and an international client base" said Baltimore Office Managing Partner Steve Barley. "We are thrilled she is joining Hogan Lovells. She is a talented lawyer who will offer immediate

value to our clients."

Hardy is a member of the Board of Directors of the Baltimore World Trade Center, the Board of Directors of Appleseed Mexico in Mexico City, and the Board of Trustees of the SEED School of Maryland. She received a J.D. with honors from the University of Maryland School of Law; an M.B.A. from the University of Maryland; and a B.A. cum laude from the University of Pennsylvania.

Hardy joins from DLA Piper where she was Regional Office Head for Corporate and Securities.

About Hogan Lovells' Corporate Practice

With 350 partners and more than 1,000 lawyers worldwide operating in 22 jurisdictions throughout Asia, Europe, Latin America, the Middle East, and the United States, Hogan Lovells provides exceptional, high-quality trans-Atlantic transactional strength and strong local capability throughout our broad global network. We are ideally placed to advise on complex deals in highly regulated sectors, working at the intersection between government and business. We regularly advise on the most significant, complex, and sophisticated global M&A transactions, ranking in the top 10 worldwide for M&A deals in Q1 2015 (Bloomberg).

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