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David Straite brings depth and additional firepower to a premier technology litigation practice that has played pivotal roles in several of the world's largest data privacy class actions, including Equifax and Marriott/Starwood

NEW YORK, May 18, 2021 – National plaintiffs' law firm, DiCello Levitt Gutzler, today announced that David Straite has joined the firm as a partner in its New York office. A veteran litigator with deep experience in cybersecurity, data privacy, securities, corporate governance, and hedge fund matters, Straite arrives from Kaplan Fox & Kilsheimer LLP, where he emerged as the nation's leading voice for the recognition of property interests in personal data, a 10-year effort culminating in the Ninth Circuit's landmark April 2020 decision in *In re: Facebook Internet Tracking Litigation* and the Northern District of California's March 2021 decision in *Calhoun v. Google*, both of which he argued.

Straite's arrival marks yet another significant step forward for a firm that, in recent years, has cemented itself among the nation's premier technology litigation practices, including being one of only five firms to be named "Cybersecurity and Data Privacy Practice Group of the Year" by

Law360. Headed by firm partner Amy Keller, DiCello Levitt Gutzler's Cybersecurity and Technology Law group has led several of the world's largest data privacy class action lawsuits, including the multidistrict litigations against Equifax, Marriott, Blackbaud, and others.

Straite is also an Adjunct Professor at Yeshiva University's Sy Syms School of Business Executive MBA program teaching Business Law and Ethics every fall semester since 2015 and is a frequent speaker on CLE panels addressing data privacy, Constitutional Standing, and investor rights. As a hands-on litigator with a history of innovation, Straite has spent the last decade fighting some of the largest and most complex data privacy cases, including protecting consumer privacy in class actions against Apple, Facebook, Google, and Yahoo. His early work in this field led M.I.T. Technology Review magazine to call him "something of a pioneer" in digital privacy litigation. Prior to joining the plaintiffs' bar, Straite was an associate with Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom LLP for almost seven years, giving him useful perspectives when litigating against the top defense firms in the country.