Perkins Coie Adds Antitrust Partner Christopher A. Williams to Commercial Litigation Practice

Perkins Coie is pleased to announce that Christopher A. Williams has joined the firm's Commercial Litigation practice in its Antitrust & Unfair Competition Litigation practice group as a partner in the Washington, D.C., office.

With more than a decade of experience in corporate transactional and international antitrust matters, Christopher focuses his practice on antitrust merger notification and clearance as well as other antitrust issues relating to commercial transactions, including mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures and other strategic collaborations, licensing of intellectual property, and pricing, supply, and distribution arrangements.

"Chris is an experienced and highly regarded antitrust attorney who regularly advises clients on complex and high-profile commercial mergers and acquisitions," said Shylah Alfonso, the firmwide chair of Perkins Coie's Antitrust & Unfair Competition Litigation practice. "Chris has deep experience in antitrust compliance with the Department of Justice and Federal Trade Commission, as well as with government agencies across Europe and Asia, which will further benefit the effective legal counsel we provide to our clients."

In providing counsel on the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act and antitrust merger clearance guidance, Christopher has represented a diverse range of clients from startups to large corporations across a variety of sectors,

including technology, telecommunications, financial services, healthcare, media and entertainment, and electronics and computer hardware. His practice also includes extensive cross-border experience with advising clients on multinational transactions requiring regulatory approvals from competition authorities in China, Europe, Japan, and Korea, among others.

“Chris will be a valuable addition to our antitrust practice and firm and for our clients,” said Bruce V. Spiva, Perkins Coie’s Washington, D.C., office managing partner. “We are excited to welcome another experienced attorney to the firm, and we know that Chris’ entrepreneurial and collaborative spirit will fit well with our culture.”

Christopher received his J.D., cum laude, from the American University Washington College of Law and his B.S., cum laude, from Duke University. He joins Perkins Coie from Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, where he was a senior counsel in the Antitrust and Competition practice.