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August 9, 2023 – Womble Bond Dickinson announced the further expansion of its Government Contracts and Cross-Border Trade practice with the addition of partners Robert Broadbent and Cherylyn Harley LeBon in the firm’s Charlottesville and Tysons, Virginia, offices, respectively. Broadbent represents clients in international trade and national security matters and government investigations in the commercial and defense sectors. LeBon focuses her practice on government contracts and corporate matters, including regulatory compliance.

“Al and Cherylyn are well-known and highly respected practitioners who are immediately credentialing to our Government Contracts and Cross-Border Trade practice and, indeed, the firm as a whole,” said Corporate & Securities Practice Group Leader Jamie Francis. “We could not be more pleased to welcome them to Womble.”

The addition of Broadbent and LeBon follows a string of strong hires within the firm’s Government Contracts and Cross-Border Trade practice, including partners Chris Lockwood, David Vance Lucas, and Richard Raleigh and global trade advisors Angela Ennis and John McCullough.

About the new partners:

Robert A. Broadbent is a trusted advisor to clients in many areas of international trade and national security, including export controls (ITAR/EAR/DOE/NRC and E.U. dual-use controls); economic/trade sanctions programs (OFAC); foreign direct investment/national security reviews and investigations (CFIUS); space, aerospace, and autonomous systems development strategies; trade agreements and foreign market access strategies; and defense and intelligence project strategies.

Broadbent served for over three decades in the federal government, providing legal advice to senior national and military leaders. Most recently, he was Acting Associate General Counsel for the Mission and International Law Division of the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency's Office of General Counsel, where he supervised ten civilian attorneys and five active-duty judge advocates dispersed globally.

Cherylyn Harley LeBon is a highly regarded lawyer, advocate, and strategist with over 25 years of leadership experience in Washington, D.C., and abroad. With a distinguished background as a Presidential appointee at the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) and U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, LeBon leads clients through every stage of the federal procurement process. Her experience is aligned with the SBA's portfolio, including bank loans, financial assistance, disaster response, and government contracting for 8(a), SDVOSB, WOSB, and HUB Zone firms.

LeBon also advises clients on a range of corporate matters, including complex contracts, mergers and acquisitions, banking representations, employment policies, and corporate governance. Prior to private practice, she was president and CEO of her consulting firm, KLAR Strategies, providing business strategy and guidance to clients, including mid-size companies, technology firms, and boards.

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