

Winston & Strawn Adds Prominent Corporate Finance Attorney, Commercial Litigator, in Charlotte

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CHARLOTTE — Winston & Strawn LLP announced today that highly-regarded corporate finance attorney David L. Batty has rejoined the firm's Charlotte office as a partner. In addition, Winston has added to its Charlotte office veteran commercial litigator, Amanda Groves, who has been a partner in the firm's San Francisco office and is chair of the firm's diversity committee.

Batty concentrates his practice on corporate lending and complex financing transactions, while Groves has represented consumer-product companies in complex commercial litigation as a member of the firm's San Francisco office.

"We are pleased to welcome David back to the firm," said Tom Cottingham, managing partner of the firm's Charlotte office. "The depth of his experience in corporate lending will be instrumental in ensuring that we continue to deliver seamless, quality services to our corporate and our institutional finance clients."

Said Cottingham: "We are also delighted that Amanda will be adding to our office her substantial commercial litigation experience and her proven track record in successfully defending the banking industry."

Batty had previously been a partner at Winston & Strawn, and had taken a leave of absence in 2010 to teach at Charlotte Law School. Groves has moved to Charlotte, but will also maintain an office on the West Coast.

Batty focuses his practice on the representation of financial institutions in syndicated credit facilities, including cross-border transactions, as well as mezzanine financings. He has served as counsel to the administrative agent and lead arranger in syndicated credit facilities, ranging in size from \$100 million to more than \$4 billion, and extended to companies in the media, telecommunications, consumer, defense technology, and other industries.

Besides successfully representing consumer-product companies and national retailers in numerous high-stakes class actions based on state and federal consumer protection laws, Groves is noted for resolving state-wide and national litigation involving financial institutions' loan origination transactions and collection practices.

Batty received a B.A. in History, *cum laude*, from George Washington University and a J.D., *cum laude*, from Boston College School of Law.

Groves received a B.A. in communication studies, *cum laude*, from the University of California at Los Angeles and a J.D., *cum laude*, from Santa Clara University of Law.

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