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Winston & Strawn Adds Significant Group of Dewey & LeBoeuf Partners to its Offices in New York, Chicago, London, Los Angeles and Washington, D.C.

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NEW YORK — Winston & Strawn LLP announced today it is being joined by 22 litigation partners from Dewey & LeBoeuf, one energy partner, and a number of associates and of counsel. The well-respected group will complement Winston's rapidly expanding global litigation and transactional footprint.

Seventeen litigation partners will join Winston's New York office, led by influential trial attorney and global litigation head Jeffrey Kessler. In addition to Kessler, long-time antitrust and international cartel guru, A. Paul Victor, is joining Winston, as well as nationally prominent litigator Harvey Kurzweil; leading white-collar defense lawyer Seth Farber; and James Smith III, a highly regarded securities and Delaware corporate litigator. Also joining Winston, are partners John Aerni, Aldo Badini, Suzanne Jaffe Bloom, Eva Wolaniuk Cole, David Feher, David Greenspan, Adam Kaiser, Kelly Librera, George Mastoris, Jonathan Miller, Richard Reinthaler, and Kevin Wallace.

Other Dewey arrivals will include London competition and disputes partner Peter Crowther, Los Angeles litigation partners John Schreiber and Matthew Walsh, and Washington, D.C. energy partner Elias Farrah. In Chicago, Winston will be gaining an energy litigation practice, including partners Timothy Carey and Elizabeth Bradshaw, along with two of counsel.

"These are extremely high-quality practitioners," said Dan K. Webb, the firm's chairman. "The synergies with our existing litigation and transactional practices provide tremendous opportunities for them and for us."

According to Jeffrey Kessler, "Winston offers a platform that provides our group a strong foundation for serving our clients at the highest levels." Kessler is nationally known for his representation of companies and individuals in some of the most complex antitrust, sports law, and IP cases in the country, including major jury trials.

In the last five years, Winston has strategically added a presence in a number of new markets, including Beijing, Charlotte, Hong Kong, Houston, and Shanghai. Adding depth to its already highly regarded litigation and energy practices is another significant achievement in Winston's business plan.

Managing partner Thomas Fitzgerald stated, "We expect to continue prudently growing the firm in those practices and geographic locations where there is the greatest client demand for our services."

Added New York office managing partner Michael Elkin, “The addition of these prominent attorneys will further buttress Winston’s already established New York litigation practice. The firm can now offer its clients unsurpassed capabilities in an even broader array of litigation.”

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