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Winston Welcomes Renowned Project Finance and M&A Attorney Richard Shutran

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NEW YORK – Winston & Strawn LLP is pleased to announce the addition of leading project finance and mergers and acquisitions lawyer Richard Shutran as a partner in New York. Rich focuses his practice in the energy, transportation, and infrastructure sectors and joins from O'Melveny & Myers LLP.

With decades of experience counseling private and public companies, investment funds, and financial institutions on their most critical transactions, Rich is consistently recognized in *Chambers*, *The Legal 500*, and other industry publications as a distinguished practitioner in the areas of project finance and energy. He has spent his career successfully guiding market-leading businesses and organizations through their leveraged finance and project finance matters, mergers and acquisitions, restructurings, and reorganizations.

Fluent in Spanish, Rich has extensive experience advising on transactions in Latin America. He has counseled large regional industry players on significant project financings, including the expansion of the Bogotá airport, power projects in Mexico and Colombia, and a major toll road in Chile.

"We are delighted to welcome Rich to the firm," says Winston Chair Tom Fitzgerald. "He is a world-class attorney whose robust project finance and M&A experience will add strategic depth to our New York-based transactions capabilities."

Dom DeChiara, Corporate Department chair, adds: "Rich brings his considerable talents to Winston at an optimal time. We've recently made several significant lateral group acquisitions, including the energy and infrastructure and Latin America groups from Norton Rose Fulbright, and his diverse project finance practice complements our growing capabilities and commitment to growth in these areas."

"Winston has made great strides in enhancing their project finance capabilities in North and South America, and this elevated offering provides a natural platform for my energy, infrastructure, and transportation practice," says Rich. "I look forward to collaborating with the firm's superb lawyers across disciplines and to capitalizing on the extraordinary momentum Winston has generated to offer the best legal advice to existing and new clients."

"Our New York transactional department is brimming with some of the finest legal minds in the business, most recently in Americas-based project finance work due to our decisive investment in energy and related sectors,"

notes Michael Elkin, vice-chairman and New York office managing partner. "Our clients will benefit substantially from Rich's career of innovative and pioneering work."

Winston Co-Executive Chairman Jeffrey Kessler, who worked closely with Rich as former members of firm management at Dewey & LeBoeuf, comments: "It's wonderful to be rejoining forces with Rich, particularly at such a dynamic time for the firm. He is simply the best at what he does, and we're fortunate to have him at Winston."

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