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CONCANNON JOINS QUINN EMANUEL, BOOSTING FIRM'S SECURITIES LITIGATION TEAM

Accomplished trial lawyer becomes Co-Chair of SEC Enforcement Practice

WASHINGTON – Underscoring the importance of securities enforcement work to its range of litigation capabilities, Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan LLP announced today that Sarah Heaton Concannon has joined the firm as a partner. Concannon will be based in Washington, D.C. – where until last month she served as Senior Trial Counsel at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission – and in New York City.

A trial-tested SEC lawyer, Concannon has appeared on behalf of the agency in federal court and in administrative proceedings nationwide, serving as lead trial counsel in enforcement actions and investigations targeting everything from issuer, investment adviser, and broker-dealer fraud, to auditor and gatekeeper improper professional conduct, to violations of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA). Before joining the SEC, Concannon was an equity partner at Goodwin Procter LLP.

“We are delighted to welcome Sarah to the firm. She is a first-chair securities trial lawyer of the first rank and brings a wellspring of talent to our work in this important area,” said firm founder John B. Quinn. “She also has impressive, substantive expertise in dealing with financial services companies, in antitrust, in cryptocurrency, and in other important areas of commercial litigation.”

“This is a time of sweeping activity in securities enforcement and regulation, and Sarah is just the person to help us build out this critical practice area,” said Michael Liftik, Co-Chair of Quinn Emanuel’s SEC Enforcement Practice and Co-Managing Partner of the Washington, D.C. office. “Our clients need to understand and navigate the changes now occurring, and Sarah has both the agency insights and the courtroom chops to help them do that.”

“I wanted to work with the best, and when it comes to litigation, Quinn Emanuel has no equal,” Concannon said. “I am confident that my trial and securities expertise, inside knowledge of the

SEC, and decades of experience counseling financial services companies, boards, and senior executives will enable me to deliver the best outcomes for Quinn Emanuel’s clients in this evolving legal landscape.”

While at the SEC, Concannon served as lead trial counsel in a case against a senior executive for violations of the antifraud provisions of federal securities laws, resulting in a jury verdict for the agency returned in less than an hour. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit later upheld the verdict. She also served as a member of the executive staff of the SEC’s Division of Enforcement as Senior Counsel to the Directors, advising the Directors on enforcement matters and regularly liaising with the Chairman and Commissioners. In 2020, Sarah received the SEC’s Douglas Adams Award for significant contributions to improving the effectiveness of the National Examination Program through personal leadership, and, in 2019, she received the Division Directors Award.

Before joining the SEC, Concannon had a robust securities and commercial litigation and government enforcement practice and litigated civil and criminal cases in a diverse range of sectors, including banking and financial services, pharmaceuticals, and energy.

Concannon received a J.D. *magna cum laude* from Harvard Law School, where she served as an Executive Editor of the Harvard Law Review, and a bachelor’s degree *summa cum laude* from the University of Florida.

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