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Wolf Block Partners Join Stradley Ronon

PHILADELPHIA – Stradley Ronon has added former Wolf Block LLP partners Richard M. Zucker, who served as chair of Wolf Block’s financial services department and head of that department’s commercial lending practice group, and Gretchen M. Santamour, who was the firm’s bankruptcy and creditor’s rights practice group chair. Zucker will join Stradley Ronon’s finance & restructuring practice group, and Santamour will be a member of the firm’s bankruptcy, workouts & creditors’ rights group.

“We are extremely fortunate to have attracted two preeminent practitioners from Wolf Block,” said Stradley Ronon Chairman William R. Sasso. “With their deep, extensive experience in the financial services industry, they will make an immediate impact in serving our sophisticated client base.”

Based in Stradley Ronon’s Philadelphia office, Zucker represents banks, commercial finance companies, private investment groups, mezzanine funds, second lien funds and various other non-bank lenders in all aspects of commercial lending. Also located in the firm’s Philadelphia office, Santamour concentrates her practice in the areas of bankruptcy law, loan workouts and documentation, and is regularly involved in bankruptcy and non-bankruptcy forums representing financial institutions, landlords, trade creditors, other creditors and debtors.

“Rich and Gretchen have outstanding reputations in structured finance, commercial lending and workouts and bankruptcy,” said Gary Scharnett, Stradley Ronon finance & restructuring practice group co-chair. “Their broad-based experience will expand the services and capabilities of our group, and I know our clients will enjoy working with them.”

Zucker and Santamour joined Wolf Block from Lesser & Kaplan about 13 years ago and have practiced together for more than 20 years. Zucker received his law degree from Widener University and his B.S. from Arizona State University. Santamour received her law degree from the College of William and Mary and her B.A., *cum laude*, from Villanova University.

Comprised of 22 lawyers, Stradley Ronon’s finance & restructuring group represents lenders in all matters relating to commercial finance transactions, loan documentation, restructurings, workouts and bankruptcy, and the enforcement of creditors’ rights and remedies. The firm’s bankruptcy, workouts & creditors’ rights practice group has vast experience in workout and bankruptcy matters, and has handled matters ranging from simply resetting or modifying the terms and conditions of loan documents, to completely reorganizing or refinancing a loan.

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