

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**Contact: Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP**Brad S. Karp, Chairman / 212-373-3316 / bkarp@paulweiss.comAlex Wolfe, Communications Director / 212-373-2770 / awolfe@paulweiss.com**PAUL, WEISS EXPANDS M&A PRACTICE WITH HIRE OF LAURA TURANO**

New York, October 21, 2019— Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP announced today that Laura C. Turano has joined the firm as a partner in the Corporate Department. Ms. Turano's practice focuses on public company mergers and acquisitions. She also advises clients on shareholder activism, takeover defense and corporate governance matters. Ms. Turano will be resident in the New York office.

"Laura is a rising star in the M&A world, and we are delighted to welcome her to our partnership," said Paul, Weiss Chairman Brad S. Karp. "She also shares our commitment to client service, collaboration and mentorship."

"Laura has worked with some of the country's best-known companies on some of their largest and most complex deals," said Robert B. Schumer, chair of Paul, Weiss's Corporate Department. "Our clients will also benefit from her experience with sensitive corporate governance and shareholder engagement issues."

Ms. Turano has represented a wide range of companies in numerous transactions, including Baker Hughes in the proposed \$38 billion merger with Halliburton and in the acquisition and subsequent sell-down of a majority stake by General Electric; ABB in its \$2.6 billion acquisition of GE's industrial solutions business; Williams Partners in the sale of its 50% interest in Jackalope Gas Gathering Services and the \$1.125 billion sale of its Four Corners Area business; PharMerica in its \$1.4 billion sale to KKR; and VF Corporation in its sale of Nautica to Authentic Brands Group. Ms. Turano also has extensive experience advising public companies in responding to activist shareholders, including CSX in its settlement with Mantle Ridge.

Ms. Turano earned her B.A. from University of Miami and her J.D. from New York University School of Law, where she graduated *magna cum laude* and was awarded the Order of the Coif. Ms. Turano also earned an LL.M. in Taxation from NYU.

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