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Wiggin and Dana announces the expansion of its Business Practice Department with the addition of partners **Frank J. Marco** and **Paul A. Hughes**, associate **Jane C. Harrison**, and paralegal **Kathleen Ellison**. The group will be resident in the firm's New Haven office, and Mr. Marco will head the firm's Private Equity and Emerging Companies Practice Group.

"We are thrilled to have these fine lawyers joining our practice," said William A. Perrone, Chair of the Business Practice Department. "Their arrival brings together the two leading venture capital and emerging company practices in Connecticut." The attorneys join Wiggin and Dana from the New Haven office of a Boston-based law firm.

Frank Marco has over 30 years experience representing venture capital investors and emerging growth companies in capital formation, mergers and acquisitions, public offerings, joint ventures, strategic alliances, licensing, research and development, and related matters. In honoring Mr. Marco with its "Distinguished Service Award," Connecticut Innovations, Inc. described him as "a driving force in the growth of high technology in Connecticut." He is a Director and past Chairman of the Connecticut Venture Group and a founder of the central Connecticut chapter. He was a co-founder of the Connecticut Technology Council, is a member of the Connecticut Software Cluster Advisory Board, the Operating Committee of Connecticut United for Research Excellence and is a co-founder of the MIT Enterprise Forum of Connecticut. He was Chairman of "Crossroads," a regional venture fair for 2001 and 2002 and is a member of its Steering Committee. He is a member of the Technology Transfer Advisory Board of The Governor's Council on Economic Competitiveness. Mr. Marco is a graduate of St. Lawrence University and received his J.D. *cum laude* from Fordham Law School, where he was an editor of the *Fordham Law Review*.

"This combination creates a powerhouse of talented people who also have the same view of how to treat clients and the importance of a collegial atmosphere," said Mr. Marco.

Paul Hughes is experienced with the representation and operation of emerging growth companies, including those involved in information technology, the Internet, telecommunications, biotechnology, health care services, and outsourcing. He advises companies in the areas of capital formation, mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, strategic alliances, and corporate governance. Mr. Hughes is a member of the Board of Directors of the MIT Enterprise Forum of Connecticut and the Connecticut Venture Group. Mr. Hughes earned his B.A. from the University of Connecticut, and his J.D., with honors, from the

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University of Connecticut School of Law, where he served as an Articles Editor of the *Connecticut Law Review*. Following graduation, he was a law clerk to Justice Fleming L. Norcott, Jr. of the Connecticut Supreme Court.

Jane Harrison counsels venture capital investors and emerging growth companies in all stages of development, with a focus on venture capital financings, mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, and strategic alliances. Ms. Harrison earned her B.A. *cum laude* from the College of the Holy Cross. She received her J.D., with honors, from the University of Connecticut School of Law, where she served as the managing editor of the *Connecticut Journal of International Law*.

Jack Dunham, Chair of the firm's Executive Committee, said, "We are delighted to welcome Frank, Paul, Jane and Kathy. Their extensive venture capital and emerging companies experience will substantially enhance our already robust Business Practice Department."

Celebrating its 70th year, Wiggin and Dana has 155 lawyers serving clients from five offices in Connecticut, Pennsylvania and New York City. The firm's expertise includes venture capital, information technology, biotechnology, securities, mergers and acquisitions, all forms of litigation and dispute resolution, antitrust, complex corporate and real estate transactions, health care, environmental, franchise and distribution, taxation, intellectual property, estate planning, and labor and employment. For more information on the firm, visit the website at www.wiggin.com.



Left-to-right, Marco, Ellison, Hughes and Harrison