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Wiggin and Dana Expands Insurance Practice Group With Addition of Michael Menapace in Hartford

HARTFORD – Wiggin and Dana is pleased to announce it has expanded its Insurance Practice Group with the addition of Michael Menapace in its Hartford office. Prior to joining Wiggin and Dana, Michael practiced law with Dewey & LeBoeuf where he represented insurers in insurance and reinsurance disputes throughout the United States. Michael has significant experience in complex commercial litigation in various jurisdictions, with an emphasis on assisting clients in the insurance/reinsurance industry and financial institutions.

Michael also represented clients in disputes surrounding the acquisition of distressed insurance companies from the receivership of states' insurance agencies. Additionally, Michael has a diverse complex business litigation background, which includes defending companies in class actions involving environmental and securities law claims.

Another aspect of Michael's practice is assisting clients conducting internal investigations and responding to government inquiries or subpoenas. During the past several years, Michael has assisted more than a dozen insurance/reinsurance companies and brokers in connection with state and federal government inquiries into broker compensation/contingent commissions and finite reinsurance transactions.

Chuck Platto, Wiggin and Dana's Insurance Practice Group leader says: "We are thrilled to have Michael join our group. His experience in complex insurance and reinsurance matters will enhance our capabilities of servicing industry clients' needs."

Michael is admitted to practice in Connecticut and New York and in the Federal District Court for the District of Connecticut and the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. He is the Co-Chair of the Hartford County Bar Association Federal Practice Section.

Michael has submitted amicus curiae briefs to various appellate courts on behalf of business trade groups and published articles on topics of interest to the insurance industry, including potential climate change implications on D&O insurance coverage. In 2005, Michael received the New Leaders of the Law Award from the Connecticut Law Tribune.

Before practicing law, Michael was a music professor at The Hartt School, University of Hartford and maintained an active national and international music performing career appearing throughout the United States, Canada and Australia. He maintains his association with the University of Hartford and with the Hartford Symphony Orchestra with whom he was a saxophonist.

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