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Gallagher & Kennedy Announces Newest Member of the Board of Directors and Two New Shareholders

PHOENIX, Ariz. (October 23, 2018) – The law firm of Gallagher & Kennedy is pleased to announce that Jennifer Cranston has become the firm’s newest member of the Board of Directors, effective October 16, 2018.

Since joining the firm in 2000, Jennifer has focused her practice in the areas of condemnation, insurance, and public utility law. She has successfully represented clients at every stage, including settlement negotiations, rulemaking proceedings, hearings, arbitrations, trials, and appeals.

Jennifer is very active within Gallagher & Kennedy and in the community professionally and philanthropically. She chairs the firm’s Professional Women’s Group; is active with the Valley of The Sun United Way (Women’s Leadership Council Past Chair); is Past President of the Maricopa County Bar Association; is the President-Elect of AZCREW; is Vice President and one of the founding board members of the Maricopa County Justice Museum & Learning Center Foundation; and, was recently honored as a 2018 Most Influential Women in Commercial Real Estate and Top 100 Lawyers in Arizona in 2017 and 2018.

“Jennifer continues her significant growth in her career and has obviously become an integral part of the firm,” reflects Mike Kennedy. “For a long time now, we have come to rely on her sound judgment, pro-active attitude and involvement in so many areas of the firm, from the Professional Women’s Group to mentoring our young lawyers, to now joining in the management at Gallagher & Kennedy. We’re pleased to welcome her to the Board of Directors.”

The law firm of Gallagher & Kennedy is also pleased to announce that Matthew Engle and Peter Moolenaar have become the firm’s newest shareholders. Their new positions become effective January 1, 2019.

Since joining the firm in 2016, Matt has continued to help entrepreneurs and established companies in the areas of business formation, corporate governance, mergers and acquisitions, commercial transactions, and securities law. Matt was a member of the Limited Liability Company Act Subcommittee of the Arizona State Bar, which drafted the 2018 revisions to the Arizona Limited Liability Company Act, and has served on the Executive Council of the Business Section of the State Bar since 2013. Matt is also a supporter of the arts, as a founder and past president of the Phoenix Symphony Young Professionals and serving as a commissioner on the City of Phoenix Arts and Culture Commission.

Peter Moolenaar’s focus is on protecting business clients and securing their future through risk management, litigation, and dispute resolution. Peter also represents clients in aviation and product liability litigation. He joined the firm in 2016 and as an Arizona native, Peter has a deep connection to this state and its entrepreneurial spirit.

“Over the past few years both Matt and Peter have proven to be excellent lawyers and, as importantly, valued members of the Gallagher & Kennedy team,” said Dean Short, Managing Partner. “I look forward to seeing their practices develop.”

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