

Lori Anne Czepiel Joins McGuireWoods' New York Office

NEW YORK – McGuireWoods LLP announced that Lori Anne Czepiel has joined the firm as a partner, based in its New York City office. Her practice focuses on corporate transactions, including mergers and acquisitions, private equity investments, joint ventures and other strategic transactions, and related securities and financing matters for public and private companies and financial institutions.

Czepiel brings nearly 25 years of experience to McGuireWoods. She has advised a number of leading companies throughout her career, and has worked on numerous high profile transactions. Czepiel also serves as a strategic advisor to boards of directors, senior executives, and controlling shareholders on fiduciary duty and other governance matters. She has significant experience with international transactions, and advising in troubled company and hostile situations.

"Lori Anne's depth of experience complements McGuireWoods' strong corporate and capital markets practices. Her experience in a wide range of corporate transactions, as well as her reputation for advising her clients in areas of corporate governance, further enhances our ability to serve our clients," said Philip Goldstein, the managing partner of McGuireWoods' New York office.

McGuireWoods ranks third among law firms for serving as issuer's counsel for U.S. debt, equity and equity-related transactions in Thomson Reuters' 2008 Capital Markets league tables. BTI Consulting Group has named McGuireWoods as one of its top "Client Service A-Team" law firms in 2009 based on client surveys, one of only 10 law firms in the country to make the list four consecutive years. In 2009 *Corporate Counsel* magazine named McGuireWoods a "Go To" law firm.

"McGuireWood's highly regarded and well-rounded corporate transactional and securities practices, as well as its culture of client service, collaboration, integrity and collegiality, provide the ideal platform for financial and corporate clients – particularly in the current environment," commented Czepiel. "I look forward to working with the team at McGuireWoods to extend its reach in the New York area."

Prior to joining McGuireWoods, Czepiel was a partner at Sidley Austin LLP, resident in its New York office. Prior thereto Czepiel practiced with Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP. Czepiel served on the Special Committee on Mergers, Acquisitions and Corporate Control Contests of the New York City Bar for nine years. Czepiel currently serves on the Board of Trustees of The Joyce Theater Foundation, the Board of Directors of the Midori & Friends Foundation and Northwestern University's Council of 100, among others.

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