

Reed Smith Continues Growth of Financial Industry Group Adds Jonathan B. Ross in New York

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(May 24, 2010, New York, NY) – Reed Smith’s Financial Industry Group (FIG) continues to expand, as former Dorsey & Whitney finance lawyer Jonathan B. Ross joins FIG’s Finance and Investment Management practices in New York today.

Mr. Ross is admitted as a lawyer in New York, the United Kingdom and Ireland. He has more than a decade of experience advising in connection with capital markets products including corporate, securitized and high yield bonds, as well as offshore private funds, UCITS funds, collateralized and cross-border financings and distressed asset scenarios. Mr. Ross has practiced in London, New York and Paris and advises U.S. and international clients across asset classes, industries and geographical regions, including the U.S., Europe and Latin America

“Through our extensive relationships within the banking and finance industry worldwide, Reed Smith does a significant amount of work advising banks, corporate trustees and funds,” said Perry A. Napolitano, the firmwide Chair of FIG. “The addition of Jonathan’s capabilities to our group of more than 250 financial industry lawyers will provide these clients with new resources to facilitate the creation of their debt instruments and other global investment structures.”

“Reed Smith has earned a sterling reputation for the services it provides to the financial services sector,” said Mr. Ross. “Its integrated global and nationwide platform, depth of expertise and broad asset coverage will greatly benefit the clients with whom I work. The firm has a truly collaborative approach and I look forward to combining my capabilities with others in the Financial Industry Group.”

In 2006 Mr. Ross was seconded to The Bank of New York Mellon, where he headed a team conducting the legal due diligence of JPMorgan’s EMEA corporate trust and custody business. Prior to that, he was an associate at Emmet, Marvin & Martin LLP, where he provided expertise in connection with UK and European finance transactions for U.S.-based clients, and White & Case LLP, where he developed a London based corporate trustee group. Mr. Ross also spent time as a secondee with Merrill Lynch’s debt capital markets transactions desk, covering bond programs, including during the Argentine economic crisis of 2001.

Mr. Ross graduated in 1996 from Oxford University and holds a BA (Hons) and MA (Oxon) in Jurisprudence (Law). In 1998, he received a Diploma in Legal Practice (commendation) from The College of Law in York, England.