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LOOPER GOODWINE DEBUTS SECURITIES LITIGATION PRACTICE IN HOUSTON OFFICE WITH THE ADDITION OF BIGLAW LITIGATOR, GARLAND A. KELLEY AS PRACTICE CHAIR

February 1, 2023 (**HOUSTON, TX**) - Garland A. Kelley joins the Houston office of Looper Goodwine to initiate a securities litigation practice. Garland began his securities practice at Cravath, Swaine & Moore in New York City, and later at Irell & Manella and Glaser Weil in Los Angeles.

Garland specializes in trials of complex commercial disputes and securities litigation (including class action and derivative matters, shareholder litigation and SEC-related matters). Garland now moves to Texas, where his family lives.

Benchmark Litigation ranks Garland as a National Practice Area Star and a California Litigation Star, and LawDragon named him one of the 500 Leading Lawyers in America for 2022.

His recent victories include *Schnatter v. Papa John's International, Inc.* in which the Chancellor of Delaware, after a full trial, ruled for his client and expanded Delaware law in meaningful ways; and complete dismissal of the securities class action *Danker, et al. v. Papa John's International, Inc.*, et al. in the Southern District of New York at the motion to dismiss stage. Garland has also conducted significant internal investigations, including at NMC Health (Abu Dhabi), and Guess? Inc. (Los Angeles). In these and other high-profile securities-related matters, he has worked with numerous leading national law firms and companies throughout the United States, and is now admitted in Texas, California and New York.

The Houston office of Looper Goodwine maintains a complex commercial transactions and oil and gas litigation practice, and its New Orleans office is a leading firm in offshore energy regulatory work and both offices manage oil and gas related litigation and acquisitions.

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