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## **John Kearney Named Managing Partner of Ballard Spahr's New Jersey Office**

CHERRY HILL, N.J. (June 15, 2015) – John B. Kearney, a well-known trial attorney who represents some of the nation's leading companies in their most significant litigation issues, will become Managing Partner of Ballard Spahr's New Jersey office effective July 1, firm Chair Mark Stewart announced today.

Mr. Kearney succeeds Steven W. Suflas, who will join the firm's Denver office as its Managing Partner and to lead the expansion of Ballard Spahr's Labor and Employment practice in the West. Mr. Suflas, who has led the New Jersey office since 2009, will maintain his active docket of New Jersey and East Coast matters in his new role.

"John is a natural choice to lead the office," Mr. Stewart said. "His roots in the state run deep and he is known to clients and colleagues as an astute and thoughtful counselor who understands the firm and the issues facing our clients in New Jersey."

Mr. Kearney, who joined the firm a decade ago, represents clients in matters involving toxic torts, environmental litigation, class actions, product liability, and commercial litigation. In addition to his trial experience, Mr. Kearney has extensive experience in alternative dispute resolution, including arbitration and mediation. He is a prolific writer and speaks nationally on issues ranging from eDiscovery and product liability law to cybersecurity and social media issues.

Mr. Kearney is past chair of the New Jersey State Bar Association's Product Liability and Toxic Tort Section, past co-chair of the Environmental Law Committee of the Camden County Bar Association, and a current trustee of the Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey. He also

serves as an arbitrator in the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey and as a New Jersey Fellow of the American Bar Foundation.

“John has been a leader in the New Jersey legal community for decades; he understands the state like few others do,” said Mr. Suflas. “His knowledge will benefit our clients in the state and help an already-thriving office continue to grow.”

Ballard Spahr opened its New Jersey office in 1999. Since then, it has doubled in size and is recognized for the strength of its litigation, real estate, product liability, public finance, and labor and employment practices.

“There’s a lot happening in New Jersey right now and I’m excited by the prospect of expanding our capabilities here,” said Mr. Kearney, who lives in Cherry Hill. “Our clients are both national and local and we’ve been able to attract a deep bench of great people. I’d like to see us build on that strength and also expand into emerging practice areas. Clients expect no less.”

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