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Robert Kim Named Managing Partner of Ballard Spahr's Las Vegas Office

LAS VEGAS (June 15, 2015) – Ballard Spahr partner Robert C. Kim, a noted business and finance lawyer who represents clients in corporate law, mergers and acquisitions, securities, and gaming matters, will become Managing Partner of Ballard Spahr's Las Vegas office effective July 1, firm Chair Mark Stewart announced today.

Mr. Kim succeeds Bill Curran, who led the merger of his local firm of Curran & Parry with Ballard Spahr in August 2006 and opened the firm's Las Vegas office as founding Managing Partner. Mr. Curran focuses on administrative and government law, particularly in the areas of real estate development, land use/zoning, and gaming law—a practice he built through his former leadership with the Nevada Gaming Commission. He serves on a number of compliance committees for gaming companies and resort hotels, and frequently participates in corporate compliance and internal investigation activities for major corporations.

“Bill has been a distinguished figure in Las Vegas for many years. He is well-known for his legal acumen, but also recognized and respected for his community involvement and pro bono service,” Mr. Stewart said. “He and Rob have worked together and thoroughly understand what makes Las Vegas run. They’ve been a great team, and this will be a smooth leadership transition for our clients.”

Mr. Kim, who previously served as Administrative Partner for the Las Vegas office, represents clients in a variety of corporate governance matters, mergers and acquisitions, capital formation (public offerings, private placements, and reverse mergers), SEC reporting, and gaming compliance matters. He has also served as lead counsel or Nevada counsel in more than \$2.5 billion in loan transactions. He is well-versed

in the organization and operation of Nevada business entities, the legislative process in the state, and trends and changes in securities laws.

Mr. Kim is active in numerous professional organizations, including the American Bar Association (Mergers and Acquisitions Committee and the M&A Market Trends Subcommittee), the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association and the Asian Bar Association of Las Vegas, and serves as Chair of the State Bar of Nevada Executive Committee, Business Law Section. Mr. Kim also is a member of Ballard Spahr's Diversity and Inclusion Council.

"Rob has been recognized as a top corporate attorney in Nevada, and really knows our market," said Mr. Curran. "He is greatly respected in the community and the profession, and will continue to serve our clients well as Las Vegas continues to grow."

Ballard Spahr entered the Las Vegas market in 2006, marking the opening of its fourth office in the West. The office has more than doubled in size, and is renowned for its strength in its litigation, real estate, and business and finance practices.

"It's an exciting time to be in Las Vegas," said Mr. Kim. "Bill was instrumental in establishing and growing this office, and I intend to continue his great work delivering the strength of a national firm to our local clients."

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