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**INTERNATIONAL LEGAL NETWORK GBL ALLIANCE ANNOUNCES
NEW MEMBER FIRM IN THE UNITED STATES**

Global Business Lawyers (“GBL”) Alliance further extends its global footprint with the addition of Berliner Corcoran & Rowe LLP as member firm in the United States and first member on the North American continent. GBL Alliance has more than doubled since it launched in January 2017 and now includes 21 member firms and two “best friend” firms, representing 45 jurisdictions.

The addition of Berliner Corcoran & Rowe LLP is a significant step forward in the expansion of GBL Alliance and establishes the network’s coverage in North America. Tracing its heritage back to 1941, with 15 partners and offices in Washington, D.C. and San Francisco, Berliner Corcoran & Rowe LLP is a boutique law firm focused on international law, export controls and economic sanctions, corporate law, business and commercial transactions, complex civil litigation, white collar criminal defense, and government contracts.

In addition to its U.S.-based clients, Berliner Corcoran & Rowe LLP has a significant international clientele that includes major corporations, small and emerging businesses and foreign governments. The firm’s practice and international outlook will strengthen GBL member firms’ ability to serve non-U.S. clients conducting business in the United States and U.S. clients in their business abroad.

Washington, D.C.-based partner Babak Hoghooghi was instrumental in establishing the relationship with GBL Alliance. His practice focuses on U.S. economic sanctions and export control laws, including related compliance and civil or criminal enforcement issues, domestic and international commercial and business transactions, and corporate law. Babak Hoghooghi is admitted to the Bar in the State of New York and the District of Columbia, and is fluent in spoken and written Farsi.

“We are thrilled to welcome our newest member Berliner Corcoran & Rowe LLP and look forward to building on our relationship with Babak and his partners,” said GBL Alliance’s President, Thomas Fernandez-Boni. *“With the range of services this U.S.*

firm provides to its local and global clients, we know they will bring a great deal of value to our members and our network.”

A “new generation” international legal network with a no-frills and straightforward approach, until now GBL Alliance’s coverage included Europe, Africa and the Middle East. Following the addition of the U.S. firm Berliner Corcoran & Rowe LLP, GBL aims to further expand with the integration of new members from Asia and Latin America, as well additional members from Africa. Candidate members from these regions will attend GBL Alliance’s Fall conference in Milan, Italy on October 11-12, 2018.

About GBL Alliance

- GBL Alliance (www.gbl-alliance.com) includes over 600 business lawyers from 21 member firms and 2 “best friend” firms from Europe, the Middle East, Africa and the United States.
- GBL Alliance covers 45 jurisdictions and has over 20 working languages: English, Arabic, Bulgarian, Czech, Dutch, Estonian, Farsi, Finnish, Flemish, French, German, Greek, Hungarian, Italian, Lithuanian, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Slovak, Swedish and Turkish.
- GBL Alliance advises on all areas of business law, including mergers and acquisitions, corporate and commercial, employment, restructuring, distribution, intellectual property, litigation, government procurement, real estate, employment, and related tax law matters.
- GBL Alliance was launched in January 2017 and operates as a French association for administrative purposes. GBL Alliance is governed by the GBL Alliance Board which includes a President, a Vice President and 5 representatives from member firms.

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