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Timothy H. Gillis is the east region managing tax partner with KPMG LLP. Mr. Gillis previously practiced tax law with Sutherland LLP. Mr. Gillis serves on the boards of directors of KPMG LLP, the KPMG Foundation, the American Heart Association of the Greater Washington Region Division, and ThanksUSA. Mr. Gillis is also a charter member of the national advisory board for Major League Baseball's Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities program.

Mary Gillmarten is a senior manager at Deloitte LLP. She has 25 years of experience including 14 years with the Office of the Chief Counsel, Internal Revenue Service. Ms. Gillmarten spent six years working on domestic insurance issues, both life and property and casualty in the Office of the Associate Chief Counsel, Domestic, and six years in the Office of the Associate Chief Counsel, International where she specialized in international issues affecting the insurance industry. Ms. Gillmarten also spent one year in the Office of the International Tax Counsel, Treasury, where she worked on regulations involving captive insurance companies, and one year on a teaching sabbatical at the University of Notre Dame Law School.

As a member of Deloitte's National Insurance Practice's International Insurance Team, Ms. Gillmarten currently works on cross border issues affecting the insurance industry, both inbound and outbound. She has particular experience in subpart F issues, including captive insurance issues, the deductibility of premium payments, foreign tax credit issues, premium excise tax issues, income tax treaty issues, branch profits tax, and foreign currency transactions/Euro conversion issues. Ms. Gillmarten is a co-author of Deloitte's annual publication "The Insurance Year in Review," published in The Insurance Tax Review each February. Ms. Gillmarten is the primary author of the International section of the publication. She received her B.A. from the University of Notre Dame, and her J.D. and LL.M. from Georgetown University Law Center. She is a member of the American Bar Association's Tax Section, the Virginia State Bar's International Business Section, and the Federal Bar Association's Tax Section.

Nita P. Asher is a manager in the PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (PwC) Washington National Tax Services office. There Ms. Asher advises both U.S. and foreign-based clients with regard to a wide range of U.S. international tax issues, including financings, treaty issues, the application of certain anti-deferral rules, and cross-border restructurings. Ms. Asher has also assisted clients in filing private letter ruling requests with the Internal Revenue Service. The projects on which Ms. Asher has worked during her tenure with PwC have involved, among other things in developing a financing structure for a German auto parts manufacturing company, structuring the acquisition of a U.S.-based bank by an Australian bank holding company, and restructuring the foreign operations of a U.S.-based energy company.

Prior to joining the firm, Ms. Asher was enrolled in the Georgetown University Law Center LL.M.in Taxation program and interned for the International Tax Division of the Office of Chief Counsel, Internal Revenue Service. Ms. Asher received her B.A. from the University of North Carolina at

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Torsdon D. Poon is a Principal in the Transaction Advisory Services (TAS) Practice, National Tax Mergers and Acquisitions, office of Ernst & Young LLP in Washington, D.C. Mr. Poon joined National Tax Mergers & Acquisitions in 1995 and works on structuring corporate acquisitions, dispositions, spin-offs, reorganizations, corporate joint ventures, and transactions involving the acquisition and disposition of intangibles. Mr. Poon is also the National Leader of the TAS Tax Internal Restructuring Practice. Mr. Poon's internal restructuring experience includes post-acquisition integration, entity rationalization, cash repatriation, and cross-border transactions.

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