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## ***Venn Launches Bigger Tax, Trade and Finance Team, Names New Heads of Critical Infrastructure & Oversight Practices***

**WASHINGTON, DC** – As its work in the tax, international trade, and finance sectors expands, Venn announced it has formed a streamlined and expanded Tax, Trade, and Finance practice group. The 20-member team, chaired by Venn president **Erik Olson** and co-chaired by principal **Noelle Montaño**, will be the firm’s second-largest practice. The launch of the new practice group comes at a critical time for Venn’s clients – in industries ranging from retirement savings to critical minerals – given that President Trump and Congressional Republicans are expected to make aggressive changes to tax, trade, and finance laws that will impact Venn clients across the firm.

Placing this realignment in the hands of two of Venn’s most senior leaders will maximize and streamline resources across the firm to optimize client outcomes. Olson spent 14 years on Capitol Hill advising a senior Democrat on the Ways & Means Committee, while Montaño was a long-time legislative director for then-Republican Ways and Means Chairman Bill Archer. Since then, the two Venn management team members have continued leading work in, among other things, critical infrastructure, tax, trade and pension policy. Launching the new, consolidated practice group marks the first time the bipartisan duo will partner in leading a team, bringing their combined decades of Congressional and government relations expertise to drive client goals.

“Given the current political environment and the dramatic growth of Venn’s client work on capital access, savings and commerce issues, now is the ideal time to create a streamlined Tax, Trade and Finance group,” said Stephanie Silverman, Venn’s CEO and founder. “We are excited for Erik and Noelle’s dynamic and experienced leadership to drive even greater success for our clients and additional growth for the firm.”

With Olson’s move to the helm of the Tax, Trade & Finance practice – the firm’s existing Critical Infrastructure practice will be led by chair **Ben Steinberg**, an Executive Vice President at the firm who had been the practice’s co-chair previously. Steinberg joined Venn after stints in the Trump and Obama Administrations’ Energy Departments, as well as in the White House.

The firm also announced that its Oversight & Investigations practice, chaired by **Emilia DiSanto**, will be co-chaired by **Sam Goodstein**. DiSanto and Goodstein will helm the firm’s bipartisan, bicameral efforts to navigate federal oversight actions for a broad range of clients. DiSanto joined Venn in 2019 from her position as State Department Deputy Inspector General. She also served in similar roles at the Federal Housing Finance Administration and as chief investigative counsel for Senator Charles Grassley (R-IA), the Senate Committee on Finance, and the Senate Special Committee on Aging. Goodstein joined Venn in 2022 and previously was the chief of staff to Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI) and counsel on the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Goodstein will also serve on the new Tax, Trade, and Finance practice along with other senior team members, including Senior Vice President **Jennifer Taft**, who joined Venn from New York Life after a 12-year House career, and four Vice Presidents: **Justin Livesey**, previously an aide to Senator Ron Johnson,( R-

WI); **Doug MacGillivray**, former lead lobbyist for the American Public Gas Association; **Andy Sigmon**, former Trump Administration Commerce official and Legislative Director to Senior House Republican Mike Turner (R-OH); and **Elise Tollefson**, who previously was legislative director for former Republican Congressmen Tom Reed (R-NY) and Randy Hultgren (R-IL).

Silverman added, “Ben and Sam are such leaders in their own right. We’re looking forward to seeing them both leverage their formidable talents to take on vital new leadership roles in these longstanding and important firm practice areas.”

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