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DOWD BENNETT LLP OPENS CHICAGO OFFICE

Trial litigation boutique Dowd Bennett LLP has opened a Chicago office. Established in 2006, Dowd Bennett is involved in commercial litigation, white collar criminal defense, internal investigations, products liability cases, class actions and multi-district litigation, and regulatory and appellate matters. The firm is based in St. Louis with other offices in Denver and Boston, and has 40 lawyers. Dowd Bennett focuses on high-stakes litigation and has significant jury trial, governmental investigation, and appellate experience in Illinois state and federal courts.

The Chicago office will be led by former Chicago AUSA Michelle Nasser who has been a partner with the firm since 2016. Nasser left the U.S. Attorney's office in Chicago in August 2016, after over 13 years serving a federal prosecutor and supervisor in the U.S. Attorney's Major Case, Financial Crimes, General Crimes, and Violent Crimes sections. In August 2016, Nasser returned to her hometown of St. Louis and joined Dowd Bennett as a partner. She is a Chambers-ranked first-chair trial lawyer with a broad national practice including white collar criminal defense, commercial litigation, internal investigations, and regulatory work. Nasser will maintain her Missouri practice while leading and building the Chicago office.

"Opening an office in Chicago is a natural next step for Dowd Bennett," founding partner Jim Bennett said. "Our firm has served many clients in northern Illinois, and it makes sense that we have a permanent presence in Chicago, particularly under Michelle's leadership."

"We are pleased that Michelle has agreed to lead our Chicago office," stated founding partner Ed Dowd. "She is an exceptional attorney with an outstanding track record. She has a wealth of trial experience and deep connections in Chicago that will benefit our clients."

Dowd Bennett is ranked Band 1 by Chambers and Partners for both General Commercial Litigation and White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations. BTI Consulting Group ranked Dowd Bennett in five categories in BTI's Litigation Outlook 2024, including as a Client-Service All-Star. Dowd Bennett attorneys have big-case experience at the highest levels in federal and state courts nationwide and are prepared to take cases through trial and appeal in any jurisdiction. Known for its client-focused and results-driven philosophy, the firm highly values its close-knit, diverse, and hard-working culture.

The new office is located at 222 West Adams Street, Suite 250, Chicago, IL 60606. For more information about the firm, please visit www.dowdbennett.com.
