Perkins Coie’s Joel W. Nomkin and Charles G. Curtis, Jr. Elected to the American Law Institute

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SEATTLE, Wash. (January 29, 2016) - Joel W. Nomkin, a partner in Perkins Coie’s Litigation practice in Phoenix, and Charles G. Curtis, Jr., a partner in Perkins Coie’s Litigation practice in Madison and Washington, D.C., have been elected as members of the American Law Institute (ALI). Joel and Chuck join 13 other Perkins Coie attorneys who are members of ALI: C. Randall Bain, David J. Burman, Timothy W. Burns, T. Markus Funk, Kevin J. Hamilton, Steve Koh, Stewart M. Landefeld, Martin E. Lybecker, Lorelie S. Masters, Katie M. O’Sullivan, John S. Skilton, Michelle M. Umberger, and James F. Williams.

Joel has more than 30 years of experience in the areas of complex commercial litigation and appellate law. He also frequently serves as an advisor to in-house counsel on risk management and litigation strategy. Along with his membership in ALI, Joel is a Fellow of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers [2010 - Present], is listed in Benchmark Appellate's Guide to America’s Leading Litigation Firms and Attorneys as an Appellate Litigation Star for the Ninth Circuit, and was named by Best Lawyers as Phoenix’s 2016 “Lawyer of the Year” in Appellate practice. Joel is a Board Member of the Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest, a Fellow of the American Bar Association, and a former Judge Pro Tempore of the Arizona Court of Appeals. Joel is also a member of Perkins Coie’s Management and Executive Committees.

Chuck has significant litigation experience across a broad range of cutting-edge issues, in areas such as antitrust, environmental, communications, IP, distribution, political, administrative and constitutional law. He has advocated for clients before administrative agencies and in federal and state courts at both the trial and appellate levels, including the U.S. Supreme Court. His commercial litigation clients have included global leaders in technology, manufacturing, mining, sports, finance and consumer goods. Chuck has focused a large part of his practice on Native American legal issues. His work in this field has spanned treaty rights, environmental, energy, tax, IP, attorney liability, finance, and gaming law. Chuck is recognized by Chambers USA for Native American Law ( Nationwide) [2009 - 2015] and Litigation: General Commercial (Wisconsin) [2004 - 2015].

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