

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

## JAMES R. MALONE, JR. JOINS POST & SCHELL AS CO-CHAIR OF NEWLY ESTABLISHED TAX CONTROVERSY PRACTICE

## Practice represents individuals and businesses involved in tax controversies with the IRS or a state or local tax authority

**PHILADELPHIA, PA – September 14, 2015** – Post & Schell, P.C. is pleased to announce that <u>James R. Malone, Jr.</u> has joined the Firm as Principal, and established the Firm's <u>Tax Controversy Practice Group</u>. Mr. Malone, resident in the Firm's Philadelphia Office, will also serve as Co-Chair of the new Practice Group, along with Principal <u>Peter D. Hardy</u>.

Mr. Malone represents clients, including businesses, individual taxpayers, accountants, and tax preparers, in tax disputes with federal, state and local tax authorities. This includes administrative proceedings and in court, including before the U.S. Tax Court, the Court of Federal Claims, U.S. District Courts, and state and local courts.

"Jim brings to Post & Schell a robust tax controversy practice that is extremely complementary to our existing practices," said <u>A. James Johnston</u>, President & Chief Executive Officer of Post & Schell, P.C. "Among them – Internal Investigations & White Collar, in matters where clients face criminal issues as a result of a tax dispute, and Professional Licensure, in cases where an accountant or tax preparer may face license exposure."

Mr. Johnston continued, "Jim joining the Firm, and the establishment of this new practice group, are consistent with our Firm's strategy of pursuing opportunistic growth and complementary practices. We are pleased to add Jim and his practice to the legal services we offer our clients."

Mr. Malone's litigation experience and knowledge of federal, state, and local tax laws and procedures allows him to represent clients through the full lifecycle of a tax controversy. This includes at the audit defense stage, through administrative appeals and through deficiency actions or refund actions. He also represents clients in collection, delinquent filing, and voluntary disclosure matters. In addition to his primary focus on tax controversy matters, Mr. Malone brings broad experience in complex commercial litigation at both the trial and appellate level in both state and federal courts.

"As tax law and enforcement initiatives continue to increase in their complexity, a growing number of businesses and individuals find themselves involved in related controversies with various levels of the government," said Mr. Malone. "Joining Post & Schell offers an expanded platform and allows me to pursue an optimal conclusion for our clients' tax controversies, be that through settlement or litigation. It also expands the breadth and depth of how I serve my clients to include related criminal investigations and litigation, and professional licensure issues."

Joining Mr. Malone as Co-Chair of the newly-formed Tax Controversy Practice Group is <u>Internal Investigations &</u> <u>White Collar Defense</u> Principal Peter D. Hardy. Mr. Hardy, author of the treatise, *Criminal Tax, Money Laundering and Bank Secrecy Act Litigation,* will join with Mr. Malone to help defend clients involved in tax controversies, including related allegations of tax evasion, undisclosed offshore accounts, structuring, and other monetary violations.

"Jim's arrival establishes a strong Tax Controversy group at Post & Schell," said Mr. Hardy. "Clients that find themselves in these disputes require a firm that can pursue the best possible outcome, including when tax issues turn into criminal allegations. As a group, we meet the emerging needs of corporate and individual taxpayers, tax preparers and accountants, involved in tax controversies with the IRS and state and local tax authorities."

Mr. Malone also brings his well-known blog covering tax controversy and related issues to the Firm; the blog has been renamed <u>Tax Controversy Posts</u>, and is now available at <u>www.taxcontroversyposts.postschell.com</u>. Mr. Hardy and Post & Schell attorney Carolyn H. Kendall join the blog as authors.

Prior to joining Post & Schell, Mr. Malone was the principal and founder of an independent law firm focused on tax controversies and related litigation. From 2005 through 2015 he was named by his peers as a Pennsylvania Super Lawyer as published by American Lawyer Media and *Philadelphia Magazine*. In 2007, he was named among the top 100 lawyers in both Philadelphia and Pennsylvania.

Mr. Malone holds both an LL.M. in Taxation from Temple University's James E. Beasley School of Law, and a J.D. from Villanova University School of Law. He is also a graduate of Lafayette College with a B.A. in English.

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