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**NEW YORK, NY, February 20, 2019** – Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp LLP (MSK) announced today that Arina Shulga has joined the Firm's New York office as a partner in its Corporate & Business Transactions Department. Shulga joins MSK from Ross & Shulga PLLC, a boutique, business and investment-oriented law firm she co-founded. She brings significant experience in startup law, fintech, mergers & acquisitions, corporate and securities, cryptocurrencies and crowdfunding. Arriving with Shulga is Ignacio Celis-Aguirre, an associate from Ross & Shulga whose practice focuses on corporate and transactional law specializing in emerging companies. Before co-founding Ross & Shulga PLLC in 2017 and a predecessor firm, Shulga Law Firm PC, in 2010, Shulga spent seven years at Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP. Since 2017, she has also served as an Adjunct Professor of Law at Fordham University School of Law, teaching Entrepreneurial Law.

Shulga represents an array of clients – ranging from individuals and startups to Fortune 500 companies – in myriad industries, including financial services, banking, technology, fashion, apparel, entertainment and health care. Her practice encompasses general corporate law, business entity formation, startup law, intellectual property, licensing, capital market transactions, public company reporting obligations, corporate governance, employment-related agreements and private placement transactions.

The arrival of Shulga and Celis-Aguirre comes on the heels of the addition of corporate associate Alexandra Hoffman in the Firm's Los Angeles office. Ms. Hoffman accumulated her experience in mergers and acquisitions, emerging companies, and venture capital working in the Silicon Valley offices of Pillsbury (as a corporate paralegal) and King & Spalding and Inventus (as an associate).

"We are thrilled to welcome Arina, Ignacio and Alex to MSK. The expansion of our corporate practice with these key hires in our LA and New York offices is a reflection of the recent growth in and increased demand from our client base," said Marc Jones, MSK's Corporate Practice Chair. "Arina's vast corporate

## practice areas

- capital markets & securities
- corporate & business transactions
- corporate governance
- cross-border practice
- crowdfunding
- crypto assets & blockchain technology
- early-stage private company financing
- exchange act compliance & regulatory reporting
- general corporate law
- mergers & acquisitions
- private equity / private funds
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transactional experience and expertise will be a tremendous asset to our East Coast clients," added Jones.

"I was immediately drawn to MSK's sophisticated corporate and securities practice, which includes full-service support for startup companies and tech innovators," said Shulga. "I look forward to working with the team, across practice groups, to help our corporate clients achieve their goals and grow their businesses."

### **About MSK**

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