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Kevin Rupy, Industry Leader in Telecom Legal and Policy Issues, Joins Wiley Rein

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Washington, DC — Wiley Rein LLP announced today that Kevin G. Rupy, former Vice President of Law and Policy at the United States Telecom Association (USTelecom), has joined the firm as a partner in the Telecom, Media & Technology (TMT) Practice. An industry leader in traditional and emerging communications legal and policy issues, Mr. Rupy will serve as a “go-to” attorney on key challenges facing the TMT industry.

“With 20 years of legal and policy experience, Kevin is a nationally recognized authority on complex telecom matters – including top-priority efforts to curb illegal robocalls,” said Managing Partner Peter D. Shields. “We are pleased to welcome Kevin to the firm, where his effective advocacy on a range of issues will be a great asset to our preeminent TMT Group.”

At USTelecom, where he served for more than 13 years, Mr. Rupy represented Fortune 500 companies in the wireline broadband marketplace. On behalf of the association, he worked closely with multiple government agencies, Congress, member companies, and industry contacts on issues ranging from common carrier regulation to the areas of robocalls, cybersecurity, and copyright safe harbors for ISPs. He also helped secure major reforms to the Federal Communications Commission’s (FCC) pole attachment regulations.

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Prior to joining USTelecom, Mr. Rupy practiced for five years with the telecommunications group at an Am Law 200 firm in Washington. He also served for six years in the United States Marine Corps, where he worked extensively in the field of logistics, was awarded the Navy Commendation and Navy Achievement medals, and achieved the rank of Major while in the reserves.

Mr. Rupy received his J.D. from American University Washington College of Law, where he was a Moot Court champion and was awarded the Mooers Trophy for outstanding trial advocacy. He received his B.A. from Fordham University.

The arrival of Mr. Rupy follows several other recent high-profile additions to Wiley Rein's TMT Practice, including partner Scott B. Wilkens, a seasoned litigator who has represented leading broadcast and entertainment companies in high-profile copyright infringement disputes; consulting counsel Jacquelynn Ruff, former Vice President of International Government Relations and Policy at Verizon Communications; and partner Duane C. Pozza, former Assistant Director in the Division of Financial Practices at the Federal Trade Commission's Bureau of Consumer Protection. In addition, partner Richard C. Sofield, former Director of the Foreign Investment Review Staff for the National Security Division at the U.S. Department of Justice, joined the firm's TMT, National Security, and International Trade practices last year, and partner Peter S. Hyun – former Chief Counsel to Sen. Dianne Feinstein, Ranking Member on the Senate Judiciary Committee – joined the White Collar Defense & Government Investigations Practice.

Wiley Rein's TMT Practice is the largest in the country, with more than 60 attorneys and engineers engaged full time in matters that encompass virtually all aspects of the federal, state, and international laws governing the telecommunications, media, and technology industries. The team is committed to understanding the implications of technology and industry changes for clients, as evidenced by a team of engineers who are integrated into our legal and policy capabilities. In addition, our TMT attorneys are actively engaged in FTC rulemakings, policy, investigations, and enforcement proceedings.