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From the Chair: Reflections on 2021 and Moving Forward

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March 1, 2022 – At Hughes Hubbard, our success has been, and will always be, built around our singular focus on results. We are known for our teamwork – with one another, our clients and with other law firms – and we strike the balance between scale and agility, handling large and complex matters, while remaining flexible to adapt to clients’ needs and market developments. We continued our track record of success and incredible teamwork despite the continued obstacles of an ongoing pandemic. We are not afraid to roll up our sleeves and tackle the impossible, and 2021 was another very successful year for Hughes Hubbard on all fronts.

Our most important metric is the results we achieve for our clients, and by that measure, 2021 was an outstanding year. We achieved important wins, many in extraordinarily complex or new areas of law, including a [groundbreaking jury verdict](#), which press reports described as the first case in the country in which a jury determined whether cryptocurrency-related products constituted “securities” under federal and state law. We also acted as legal advisor to Grab Holdings Inc. in its merger with Altimeter Growth Corp that took Southeast Asia’s leading super app public in what is expected to be the [largest SPAC merger ever](#), and represented United Airlines, Inc. in a \$10.75 billion debt financing, [the largest debt financing by an airline in history](#). We also scored a [complete arbitration victory](#) for an esports company through a rare pre-hearing success on a Rule 33 dispositive motion, and secured [an appellate win](#) in the final claims dispute in the liquidation of Lehman Brothers.

Our clients turn to us for guidance on a broad array of matters, ranging from multi-billion dollar business combinations, SPACs, financings and restructurings to some of the most significant and widely reported investigations, arbitrations and litigations around the world. We act for our clients in distinctive and transformational matters no matter the year, the situation or the obstacle. We have demonstrated the ability to successfully navigate the difficult and ever-evolving business, public health and political climates, even in the midst of a pandemic, and our financial numbers help tell the story of our success.

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in mind, we are thrilled about the exceptionally talented lawyers we promoted internally and attracted laterally this past year.

In May, we added [Charles Wachstock](#) to our Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation group in New York, [Monique Figueiredo](#) to the Labor and Employment practice in Paris and [Thomas Healey](#) to the Aviation Finance group in Washington, D.C.; in June, [Remy Gerbay](#) joined the Arbitration practice in Washington, and the Mergers & Acquisitions group in New York expanded with the addition of corporate partners [Scott Naturman](#) and [Constantine \(Gus\) Petropoulos](#); in October, [Christine Kang](#) joined the Anti-Corruption & Internal Investigations practice in New York; and in December and this past January, [Kenyan Brown](#) and [Kevin Carroll](#) joined the White Collar & Regulatory Defense and Anti-Corruption & Internal Investigations groups in the Washington, D.C. office.

We also promoted a diverse new class of partners and counsel. The new partners are [M. Shams Billah](#) in Banking & Financial Services, [Erin Diers](#) in Corporate Reorganization & Bankruptcy and [Amina Hassan](#) in Litigation in the New York office, and [Marie-Agnès Nicolas](#) in Anti-Corruption & Internal Investigations in the Paris office; and our new counsel are [Jan Dunin-Wasowicz](#) in Anti-Corruption & Internal Investigations in the Paris office, [Tyler Grove](#) in International Trade in the Washington, D.C. office, and [Malik Havalic](#) in Litigation and [Alexander Rahn](#) in Corporate in the New York office.

We are off to a strong start in 2022 across our platform. Looking ahead, it's an exciting time as we are actively growing our capabilities in a number of areas that we expect will expand significantly: our world class investigations practice, intellectual property, our China practice, as well as sanctions, aviation, and corporate restructuring.

We are doing excellent work and getting excellent results for our clients, and we do that because we love it. That's who we are. We are financially sound, and who we are matters to us. We are proud of our team, and our arms are open to those who can see for themselves a role within it.

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