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Morgan Lewis Adds International Energy Transactions Partner Jennifer Josefson in Moscow

MOSCOW and LONDON, November 5, 2019: <u>Morgan Lewis</u> today welcomes leading energy transactions lawyer Jennifer Josefson as a partner resident in Moscow and London. Jennifer focuses on oil, gas, liquefied natural gas, petrochemical, power, mining, and natural resources sectors in emerging markets. She arrives from another global law firm and will be joined by associate Alexandra Rotar.

Jennifer represents energy clients in transactions in Russia, the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), the Middle East, Africa, and other emerging markets. Her practice has significant synergy with colleagues in Moscow, London, Kazakhstan, the Middle East, and Asia who are already working with clients on matters spanning the energy mix regarding their investments into and out of the region.

Jennifer's arrival coincides with that of partner Chadi Salloum, a corporate, projects, and infrastructure lawyer resident in Dubai and Abu Dhabi who represents clients in the Middle East, Africa, and Central Asia. He arrives from Akin Gump, where he co-managed the Abu Dhabi office. Their joining Morgan Lewis comes on the heels of the recent hire of partner Ayesha Waheed, an energy and infrastructure lawyer in London who represents clients throughout Europe and in Africa and Asia, particularly Southeast Asia, and other emerging markets.

"I am delighted to welcome Jennifer to Morgan Lewis," said Firm Chair <u>Jami McKeon</u>. "We are excited by the continued growth of our cross-border energy transactions capabilities around the world and the combined effect the arrivals of Jennifer, Chadi, and Ayesha have on further strengthening our services to clients in this space, particularly in emerging markets."

Jennifer also handles the commercial agreements regularly used by energy companies for revenue generation, raw materials and feedstock inputs, financing, and facilities operations and maintenance. She contributes to the development of international oil and gas contracting standards through her leadership work with the Association of International Petroleum Negotiators (AIPN). She has been a member of the AIPN board of directors and served as co-chair of the AIPN's 2019 model Farmout Agreement revision. She also has held numerous other positions with the organization, including as founding regional director of the CIS Chapter.

"Jennifer's wide-ranging global experience in the energy sector enhances our already robust corporate transactions services in Russia, the CIS, and around the world," said <u>Steve Browne</u>, who leads Morgan Lewis's global corporate and business transactions practice. "Her move to Morgan Lewis continues our strategic priority to grow our project finance, infrastructure, and energy resources team globally."

Chambers Global and Chamber Europe rank Jennifer in Band 1 for Energy & Natural Resources, Russia, and, among many other accolades, she has been recognized by Best Lawyers as Lawyer of the Year, Russia, in a variety of energy-related categories each year since 2016.

"Jennifer is a leading lawyer in Russia, particularly for oil and gas, and she is very well known in the market," said <u>Vasilisa Strizh</u>, managing partner of Morgan Lewis's Moscow office. "We are thrilled to welcome her to our highly recognized Moscow team and know that she will benefit our energy clients here and throughout the CIS."

Morgan Lewis is ranked by *The Legal 500 EMEA* in Tier 1 for Energy and Natural Resources, Russia, and by by *IFLR1000* for Project Development: Power, Russia.

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