BLG Appoints John Murphy As National Managing Partner And CEO

Murphy Succeeds Sean Weir, Assumes New Role July 1, 2018

Toronto (April 12, 2018) — The Partnership Board of Borden Ladner Gervais LLP (BLG) announced that effective July 1, 2018, John G. Murphy will assume the role of National Managing Partner and Chief Executive Officer.

John has spent his entire legal career at BLG where he has also held significant leadership positions within the Firm, including as member of the Partnership Board, the National Management Committee and Managing Partner of the Montréal office for over 11 years. Throughout that time, he has demonstrated success as a dynamic business leader, served as a strategic advisor to some of BLG's longstanding clients and promoted commitment to the community through his involvement with several boards and organizations.

"After a rigorous and concerted succession planning process, the Partnership Board has selected a strong leader with a proven track record to succeed our longstanding NMP and CEO, Sean Weir," said Alex De Zordo, Chair of BLG's Partnership Board." John Murphy will lead us into the future with vigour, enthusiasm and continued commitment to top talent and gold standard service to maintain our edge in an increasingly competitive legal market."

"My focus continues to be on client service, collaboration and building a forward-looking team across BLG's five offices. I will continue to drive these priorities in line with our commitment to deliver value to our clients," said John Murphy, BLG's new National Managing Partner and CEO.

John will succeed Sean Weir who has been in the role for the past 18 years. Sean was instrumental in the merger of five regional firms to form BLG on March 1, 2000 and has successfully led Canada's largest firm since its inception. Through his leadership and focus on innovation, he has built on the firm's strengths across Canada and positioned BLG for the future as one of Canada's leading law firms.

In his new role as Vice Chair at BLG, Sean will focus on strategic firm priorities and international initiatives while strengthening client relationships. Sean has always been active in his community and is looking forward to continuing to contribute to building even better communities for the future.

"On behalf of everyone at BLG, I thank Sean for his incredible leadership over the past 18 years and his role in forging BLG into one truly national firm," said De Zordo. "I also look forward to working with Sean in his new role within the firm where he will continue to be key to our ongoing success with clients."

Sean and John have been working diligently together to ensure a smooth transition of the firm leadership on July 1, 2018.

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