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PRESS RELEASE

Former CFPB Attorney Thomas B. Pahl Joins Arnall Golden Gregory's Washington Office

WASHINGTON – Thomas B. Pahl, formerly Managing Counsel at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, has joined Arnall Golden Gregory LLP as a partner in the firm's Washington, D.C., office.

At the CFPB, Mr. Pahl was responsible for rulemaking, policy development and regulatory guidance to implement the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, the Fair Credit Reporting Act, the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, the Dodd-Frank Act and other regulatory requirements.

Prior to joining the CFPB, Mr. Pahl was Assistant Director for the Division of Financial Practices, Bureau of Consumer Protection at the Federal Trade Commission, where he managed the division responsible for law enforcement, rulemaking and policy development activities related to financial services, including debt collection, payday lending, mortgage lending and debt relief services.

At Arnall Golden Gregory, Tom will focus his practice on representing consumer reporting agencies, debt collectors, debt buyers, creditors and other consumer financial services companies.

"I am excited to begin working at AGG because of its rich history, collegiality, and sustained commitment to excellence in the practice of law," Mr. Pahl said. "I look forward to being part of the AGG team in providing sound and practical representation of clients on a variety of consumer financial services matters."

Mr. Pahl will work closely with Robert R. Belair, leader of the Privacy and Consumer Regulatory Practice and the firm's Washington office.

"Over the last twenty five years, Tom has been one of the most respected and highly regarded consumer regulatory lawyers in Washington, first at the FTC and more recently at the CFPB," Mr. Belair said. "Tom will make a decisive and fundamental contribution to our clients and to our firm. This is a very good day for AGG."

Mr. Pahl frequently speaks on legal issues involving debt collection and credit reporting. On Sept. 21, he will speak on "Perspectives on How to Engage Effectively with CFPB Regulators" at the Debt Collection Symposium in Washington.

Earlier in his career, Tom served as an adjunct professor at the George Mason University School of Law. He is a graduate of Northwestern University School of Law and the College of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minn.

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