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In Memoriam – Gregory J. Nowak

We are saddened to announce that our partner, Gregory J. Nowak, a widely respected authority on hedge funds and other investment funds, died April 11, 2021, following an accident at home. He was 61.

Greg joined the legacy Pepper Hamilton firm in 2002, adding a significant boost to the firm's investment management and corporate practices. Greg primarily focused his practice on complex securities law issues, with a particular focus on regulatory compliance and operational issues involving hedge funds, other alternative investment funds, registered investment companies and registered investment advisers.

With tireless energy, boundless enthusiasm and a down-to-earth and engaging personality, Greg quickly became a "go-to" resource for investment fund clients and his law firm colleagues. He created and for more than 15 years led a monthly roundtable on investment fund topics that attracted a wide range of participants in the investment funds sector, so much so that registration requests typically exceeded the available space. He spoke at numerous industry conferences nationwide, and was a prolific author, including writing five books on hedge funds, and countless articles. Always focused on new and emerging trends and technologies, Greg in recent years also spent significant time advising clients on fintech topics, including crowdfunding, online lending platforms, and cryptocurrencies.

Before joining the firm, Greg was executive vice president at Gartmore Global Investments, Inc., an asset management subsidiary of Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company. Greg was responsible for all aspects of Gartmore's acquisitions, and helped build its hedge fund business, including developing a compliance module that allowed Gartmore to manage alternative assets such as hedge funds along with traditional investment products. Earlier, he was a partner at the Stradley Ronon law firm in Philadelphia.

Greg also had significant experience in health care transactional matters. For example, he was a leader of the team that reorganized the Holy Redeemer Health System (now Redeemer Health) in suburban Philadelphia, and advised on numerous other health care merger and acquisition transactions in his career.

Greg was active in many professional and community organizations. Among others, he was a board member of the Economy League of Greater Philadelphia and chair of the board of directors of the Pennsylvania Economy League, Inc.; was an adjunct faculty member at his alma mater Cornell Law School; and served on the President's Advisory Board at LaSalle University, where Greg earned his undergraduate degree. He was very active in his church, Saint Philip Neri in Lafayette Hill, PA, including serving on its finance committee, and he was a board member of the Colonial Soccer Club, Inc., as well as numerous other community and charitable organizations.

Most importantly, he was a devoted husband to Denise (Maggetti), and father to Elise, Gregory, Matthew, and Madeleine. Whether it was trips to Disney or Sea Isle City, time at the pool, or dinners at home, Greg loved spending time with his wife and children. The family has requested that memorial donations be directed to LaSalle

University or Holy Ghost Preparatory High School.

Greg was a talented and accomplished attorney, a trusted advisor to his clients and colleagues alike, a mentor and teacher to numerous students, family, and friends, and a dear friend to everyone at Troutman Pepper. He will be deeply missed.