

# Cozen O'Connor Launches International Arbitration Practice Group

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## Move Recognizes Expanded Capabilities with the Addition of Internationally Trained Attorneys in New York

### Practice Extends From New York to London and Continental Europe

**NEW YORK – October 30, 2013** – Cozen O'Connor is pleased to announce the strengthening of its global arbitration practice with the addition of **Martin F. Gusy**, who joins the firm as chair of the International Arbitration Practice Group, and Counsel **Matthew Weldon**. The International Arbitration Practice Group is newly formed to recognize the firm's expanding capabilities in this area.

Messrs. Gusy and Weldon, who both devote their entire practices to the international area, are based in New York. They previously were with Gusy Van der Zandt LLP, where Mr. Gusy served as head of the firm's Litigation & Arbitration department and Mr. Weldon was an associate.

Members of the International Arbitration Practice Group include **Jeffrey G. Weil**, co-chair of the firm's Litigation Section and chair of the Commercial Litigation Department, and **David E. Zerhusen**, who co-chairs Cozen O'Connor's Energy Industry Team.

"International arbitration is critically important to doing business and resolving cross-border disputes in today's global environment," said Firm Managing Partner **Vincent R. McGuinness, Jr.** "We are very pleased to be expanding our team whose experience extends throughout the United States, Europe, South America and Asia, Middle East, Africa and Australia."

Commercial Litigation Department Chair Jeffrey Weil added, "We are happy to welcome Martin and Matthew, who bring experience in arbitration matters in the energy, construction and chemicals industries. In addition, Martin speaks fluent German and has been licensed to practice in Germany, which is the origin of many parties in international arbitration. He joins a number of other Cozen O'Connor attorneys with German experience."

Messrs. Gusy and Weldon have appeared in front of many major tribunals, including those constituted under the arbitration rules of the American Arbitration Association/International Centre for Dispute Resolution (AAA/ICDR), the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA), the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL), the International Centre for the Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), the German Institution of Arbitration (DIS), the Vienna International Arbitral Centre (VIAC), and other forums.

**Martin F. Gusy** has more than a decade of experience as a litigator and international dispute resolution attorney and is admitted to practice in New York and Germany. He has represented domestic and international parties in about 100 U.S. courts and international arbitrations. His arbitration experience includes legal work in more than 50 international arbitrations as counsel and 17 cases as an arbitrator, both commercial and investment. He also regularly advises European businesses in the process of setting up their U.S. structures. Mr. Gusy holds German law degrees and an LL.M. from Cornell Law School. He is fluent in German and can read French and Spanish.

**Matthew Weldon** is an experienced litigator and international arbitration lawyer. He has represented

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clients before U.S. courts and acted in arbitrations under FINRA, AAA/ICDR and UNCITRAL rules. Mr. Weldon earned his law degree at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law - Yeshiva University and his bachelor's and master's degrees from Case Western Reserve University. In 2009, Mr. Weldon was a visiting researcher at Oxford University, Centre for Socio-Legal Studies.

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