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## **International Legal Finance Association appoints Executive Director and General Counsel**

Washington DC, London, Sydney - 9 September 2021: The International Legal Finance Association (ILFA) has appointed Gary Barnett as Executive Director and General Counsel. Launched 12 months ago, ILFA ([ilfa.com](http://ilfa.com)) is the first-ever global association devoted to the growing commercial legal finance industry.

Previously at the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Barnett served in various roles since 2017, most recently as Senior Counselor to the Attorney General in the Office of the Attorney General. Barnett also served as the DOJ's Acting Director in the Office of Victims of Crime and Acting Chief of Staff to the Attorney General. Prior to joining the DOJ, he was the Staff Director and Chief Counsel to the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Privacy, Technology and the Law. Barnett received his J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center and his B.A. in History and Economics from Boston University.

Gary Barnett, Executive Director and General Counsel of ILFA said: "I am honored to have the opportunity to lead ILFA and to help shape the future of this important and exciting global industry that provides untold benefits to businesses, consumers, and societies across the world, by supporting a just legal system and the rule of law."

Leslie Perrin, Chair of ILFA said: "We are thrilled that Gary is leading the charge on behalf of ILFA's members to foster the sustainable development of the legal finance industry. His vast experience within the US Department of Justice, his global perspective and commitment to the rule of law are a huge asset to the Association and its members, as well as users of legal finance around the world."

ILFA membership includes the world's leading commercial legal finance firms, who are founding members—Burford Capital, Harbour Litigation Funding, Longford Capital, Omni Bridgeway, Therium and Woodsford Litigation Funding. ILFA is the global voice of the commercial legal finance industry, representing its interests before governmental bodies, international organizations and professional associations and serving as a clearinghouse of relevant information, research and data about the uses and applications of commercial legal finance. Incorporated in Washington, D.C., ILFA also has a significant presence in London, Brussels and Australia.

Since launching in September 2020, eight additional members have joined: Law Finance Group, Nivalion, Parabellum Capital, Innsworth Advisors, D.E. Shaw & Company, Fortress Investment Group, TRGP Capital and Validity Finance. Membership is open to any professional commercial legal finance firm that satisfies ILFA's membership criteria.

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