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Kilpatrick Adds Leading Construction Energy Partner in Houston

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HOUSTON (February 4) – Kilpatrick announced today the addition of **Barclay Nicholson**, Partner, to the Firm's internationally recognized Construction & Infrastructure Team. He recently joined the Houston office from Sheppard Mullin.

"We welcome Barclay to Kilpatrick," said Lee Mann, Chair of the Firm's Construction & Infrastructure Team. "Adding one of the nation's preeminent construction defects and energy litigation attorneys to our office in Houston, the epicenter of energy litigation, strengthens Kilpatrick's footprint in the heart of the U.S. energy market. Barclay will enhance our offerings to clients in high-stakes dispute matters driven by infrastructure expansion, energy transition, tech-driven energy demand, and tightening insurance markets."

With more than 25 years of experience, Mr. Nicholson offers clients thorough knowledge in energy-related, construction, and commercial disputes. He has represented a broad range of clients from Fortune 500 companies to the largest construction companies, owners, and general contractors in the U.S. Mr. Nicholson brings significant experience handling energy-related litigation. He has represented some of the world's major oil and gas producing and refining companies in addition to the nation's biggest drilling and E&P companies. Mr. Nicholson is widely known for his expertise related to unconventional development and hydraulic fracturing. He has been a frequent author and gives speeches world-wide on all aspects of unconventional oil and gas transactions. Mr. Nicholson also brings expertise in the alternative energy arena.

"I am excited to join one of the world's leading Construction & Infrastructure Teams," said Barclay Nicholson. "Kilpatrick's robust platform can better assist my practice. Clients will also have greater access to a team of sophisticated commercial litigation and construction attorneys across the Firm who can support their diverse needs."

Mr. Nicholson has been lead counsel on a number of commercial construction disputes including several significant matters involving high-rise residential and commercial properties.

"I know Firm attorneys and clients in Houston and beyond will benefit from Barclay's construction defects and energy-sector experience. He will help to position the Firm to capture complex, cross-sector disputes—especially where engineering, tech industry needs, and construction intersect with energy operations," added Pat Gaas, Office Managing Partner of the Firm's Houston office and member of the Construction and Infrastructure Team.

Mr. Nicholson has been recognized by peers and clients in leading industry directories including *Chambers USA* and *Best Lawyers in America*. He earned his J.D. from the University of Houston, *magna cum laude*, and his B.A. from the University of Texas.

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