



## Michael E. Burke Elected Vice Chair of American Bar Association's Section of International Law

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WASHINGTON, D.C. - Williams Mullen announces that Michael E. Burke, a partner in the firm's international section, was elected vice chair of the American Bar Association's Section of International Law last week. Mr. Burke will serve as vice chair from August 2009 through August 2010 then he will automatically become chair-elect in August 2010 and chair in August 2011. In this new position, he will oversee a section of over 24,000 legal professionals from more than 90 countries.

"Mike's election to vice chair is the result of his hard work and knowledge of international law issues," said Thomas B. McVey, vice president and chair of the firm's international law practice.

Mr. Burke is chair of the firm's Asia & Pacific Team. He focuses his practice on advising U.S. companies on the structure and operation of investments in Greater China and elsewhere in Asia. He is experienced in China-related direct investments, acquisitions, private equity transactions and technology ventures. In addition, he has advised clients on transactions and investments in Australia, the European Union, India, Israel, Japan, Latin America, Malaysia, Russia, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea and Thailand.

"I am honored to have been nominated and elected to this role," said Mr. Burke. "This is a great challenge and I look forward to serving the needs of the entire Section. I also look forward to ensuring that our members are making a difference by promoting and defending the rule of law."

Prior to joining Williams Mullen, Mr. Burke was a visiting fellow at the Asian Institute of International Financial Law (AIIFL) at Hong Kong University's Faculty of Law. At AIIFL, he led projects related to China's implementation of its World Trade Organization (WTO) commitments in financial services (especially securities), construction and engineering services, and logistics. Mr. Burke also counseled on projects focused on China's state-owned enterprise reform effort, pan-Asian venture capital regulation and the accession of Vietnam and Cambodia to the WTO.

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