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Prominent Public Interest Litigator Matt Wessler Joins Appellate Boutique Firm, Now Known as Gupta Wessler, Tackles Plaintiffs' & Public Interest Appeals

Washington, DC – When big corporations face high-stakes appeals, they have their pick of specialized Supreme Court and appellate groups at big firms. But for plaintiffs and public-interest clients on the other side of the courtroom, the same options often aren't available.

This month, prominent public interest litigator Matt Wessler has joined forces with Deepak Gupta to help address that need. Wessler joins as a named partner at the plaintiff-side appellate boutique founded by Gupta three years ago—now known as Gupta Wessler PLLC.

Wessler brings with him an established record of success in high-profile cases. He joins the firm following six years at Public Justice, where he spearheaded its Supreme Court practice and argued multiple cases before the Court, including *US Airways v. McCutchen*—a landmark ERISA case. His practice spans a wide range of areas affecting plaintiffs, including class actions, health care, employee benefits, consumer protection, preemption, and banking. He has also been an associate at Williams & Connolly, a member of the Obama campaign's election litigation team, and a Third Circuit law clerk.

"I've watched Deepak build his firm into the premier national appellate boutique for plaintiff-side litigation," Wessler said. "His track-record over the last few years has been remarkable, and I'm excited to expand the firm's impact and broaden its reach."

"I'm thrilled to be teaming up with Matt," said Gupta. "He's a tremendously skilled advocate with a keen sense of justice and an unparalleled ability to distill complex cases into simple and compelling narratives."

Public Justice's Executive Director, Paul Bland, also expressed support for Wessler and the firm. "It's a great loss to Public Justice to see Matt Wessler move on. He's been a remarkably talented member of our team, and has handled some extremely important cases. But I couldn't imagine a better place for Matt to go than to join with Deepak Gupta, a leading public interest lawyer who has been a close ally of ours for years. I expect that these two superb lawyers will be at the forefront of the battles for justice for years to come, and I fully expect that we'll be able to work closely together on a variety of important causes."

Gupta Wessler PLLC is a national appellate boutique. The firm briefs and argues a wide range of high-stakes cases in the U.S. Supreme Court and courts across the country. Among other things, the firm is currently battling Chevron in the Second Circuit over a contested \$8 billion oil pollution judgment from Ecuador; representing intervenors supporting the FCC's net neutrality rule; fighting the gun lobby in several key Second Amendment cases; and filing a Supreme Court appeal for the family of an unarmed Mexican teenager gunned down by a U.S. border patrol guard. More information can be found at www.guptawessler.com.