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## **Former Federal Prosecutor Dan Collins**

### **Joins Drinker Biddle**

#### ***Philly Firm Scores Hiring Coup in Former Chicago AUSA***

CHICAGO – Prominent former Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) Daniel J. Collins joins Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP today as a partner in the firm’s Chicago office. During his ten years as a federal prosecutor, Collins handled a wide range of complex, high-profile matters. Just two weeks ago, Collins completed the prosecution of international terrorist David Headley in a case described in media accounts as “the most significant terrorism case ever prosecuted in Chicago.” Headley was convicted for his role in the November 2008 terrorist attacks in Mumbai, India.

An experienced trial lawyer, Collins has tried more than 20 cases as an AUSA and in private practice. As a Deputy Chief in the Financial Crimes and Special Prosecutions section at the U.S. Attorney’s Office, Collins oversaw the investigation of complicated fraud and financing matters, often in parallel investigations with the SEC and the CFTC. Additionally, for the past seven years, Collins managed the U.S. Attorney’s Office’s investigations into violations of export/import laws and international sanctions controls, frequently coordinating with the Department of Justice’s National Security Division and foreign law enforcement partners.

“We are extremely pleased that Dan has joined the firm,” said Alfred W. Putnam, Jr., chairman of the firm. “He is a superb lawyer with an excellent reputation and his experience in handling international matters will be of obvious value to our clients doing business overseas and in our trial practice generally.”

Collins joins an already deep roster of former federal prosecutors at Drinker Biddle’s national practice, many of whom are recognized by Chambers USA for their work on white collar crime and government investigations.

“I am thrilled to join the talented litigation practice at Drinker Biddle,” said Collins. “I was drawn particularly to its strength in international trade matters and its overall focus on client service.”

Collins will focus on representing companies and individuals in responding to government inquiries, complicated criminal matters and high-stakes civil litigation.

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A native Chicagoan, Collins earned his J.D. with Honors, in 1994, from DePaul University College of Law, where he was a member of the Order of the Coif and an Editor for the Law Review. He received his B.A. in 1991 from Northwestern University. Before joining the U.S. Attorney's Office in 2003, Collins was the founding partner of a litigation boutique in Chicago.

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