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**Former Department of Justice Attorney and IRS Counselor, Joseph A. Rillotta, Joins Drinker Biddle**  
Expands tax controversy capabilities of White Collar Defense Team

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP has strengthened its White Collar Defense and Corporate Investigations team with the addition of Joseph A. Rillotta, who joins the firm as a partner residing in the firm’s Washington, D.C. office.

“Joseph is the latest of several leaders we’ve recently added to our White Collar Defense and Corporate Investigations team, a significant and experienced service at the firm,” Andrew C. Kassner, Chairman and CEO of Drinker Biddle. “He brings both public and private legal experience to clients and enhances the overall white collar, general litigation and trial capabilities at the firm and in Washington.”

Previously, Mr. Rillotta was Counselor to the Commissioner at the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). In this role he advised the Internal Revenue Commissioner regarding allegations of misconduct by IRS personnel. Mr. Rillotta also oversaw agency responses to Congressional and Inspector General inquiries, including investigations concerning tax-exempt organization applications.

Prior to the IRS, Mr. Rillotta was Counsel at Williams & Connolly LLP and a Trial Attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice. During his six years in the Tax Division at the U.S. Department of Justice, Mr. Rillotta tried cases to successful results before both judges and juries, including most recently *United States v. Fisher*, a tax evasion and false statements case in the District of Montana. He was a lead attorney in a series of prosecutions concerning cash-skimming at Las Vegas entertainment venues. Mr. Rillotta also investigated and prosecuted various other tax and financial crimes, often in matters involving extensive grand jury development.

“Joseph’s experience investigating complex matters for the IRS and the Department of Justice greatly benefits clients requiring tax-oriented support,” said Michael W. McTigue Jr., Executive Partner and Chair of the Litigation Group. “His excellent reputation and impressive track record have allowed Joseph to establish strong relationships with private practice lawyers and senior attorneys at the DOJ and IRS.”

Mr. Rillotta earned his law degree from Harvard Law School and his A.B. in Government from Harvard College.

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