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BCLP's Kansas City office opened in 1988 to meet the needs of clients in the western part of Missouri, as well as in Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska and Oklahoma. With more than 50 lawyers, we practice in a wide range of legal services with a particular emphasis on corporate, banking, commercial litigation, real estate, labor and employment, restructuring and securities work. Our lawyers are consistently honored in publications such as Best Lawyers in America, Chambers USA and Super Lawyers.

Our Kansas City office offers the advantages and resources of a large international law firm coupled with the atmosphere of a location in the heartland. The people in our office have a strong sense of civic responsibility. We share a vision and commitment to make the communities we live in better. Our lawyers and staff contribute countless hours toward charitable organizations, local, regional and national entities, advocacy groups, schools and many other community organizations where our involvement makes a difference. Our lawyers and staff lend support to programs such as: Legal Aid of Western Missouri, Operation Breakthrough, Urban League of Kansas City, American Heart Association, Jewish Family Services, Boy's and Girl's Clubs of Greater KC, Heart of America United Way, Rose Brooks Center, Habitat for Humanity, Volunteer Attorney Project, Harvesters, Community Food Network, The Ronald McDonald House, and The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Our pro bono services have been recognized with awards from the The Missouri Bar and the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association.

In Kansas City, we support numerous programs and sponsorships aimed at increasing diversity in the workplace. We commit to programs and sponsorships to support key initiatives in our city, such as the University of Missouri-Kansas City Professor Robert Downs and Pipeline to the Future scholarships; the University of Kansas, Diversity in Law Banquet and Journey to J.D. Summer Camp scholarships; and the annual Heartland Diversity Legal Job Fair. Our differences bring richness to our professional experiences and enable us to better serve our clients. It takes every one of us in the Kansas City office to carry the responsibility of serving our clients and we embrace every opportunity to do so.

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On May 25, 2022, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") provided notice of proposed rulemaking aimed at Investment Advisers ("Advisers"), Investment Companies and Business Development Companies (collectively "Funds") that market themselves as incorporating environmental, social and governance ("ESG") factors into their investment selection process or overall investment strategies. The public comment period will be open for 60 days following the SEC's announcement. The proposed rules seek to standardize the categorization of ESG strategies and require Advisers and Funds to provide more specific disclosures in their fund prospectuses, annual reports, and brochures, as well as enhanced ESG reporting requirements on Forms N-CEN and ADV Part

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The Corporate Transparency Act (CTA) is coming: creation of a U.S. national beneficial ownership database

Potentially as soon as late 2022 or early 2023, a new U.S. regulatory requirement will come into effect which will affect over 25 million existing business entities and another 3-4 million new entities each year. The Corporate Transparency Act ("CTA") will require small legal entities, both domestic and foreign, to file information about themselves and the individuals who formed, own and control them with a division of the U.S. Treasury Department. Certain violations may result in the imposition of civil and criminal liability, including civil fines of \$500/day, criminal fines of up to \$250,000, and up to five (5) years in prison.

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