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PricewaterhouseCoopers appointed Javier H. Rubinstein Global General Counsel. Formerly, Rubinstein served as a partner in Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw. A renowned expert in the field of international commercial, investment, and sports-related arbitration, Rubinstein has represented private and public clients from North America, Latin America, Europe, and Asia in complex disputes. He possesses high-profile international experience and expertise in arbitration and litigation. Rubinstein's comprehensive understanding of the world's legal systems has helped him in representing accounting firms in litigation and arbitration matters throughout the world. With more than 130,000 people in 148 countries across the globe, PricewaterhouseCoopers provides industry-focused assurance, tax, and advisory services to its clients and their stakeholders.

Teresa Bryce, new VP, GC for Radian Group

Philadelphia-based Radian Group, Inc., a leading credit risk management provider to financial and capital markets worldwide, appointed Teresa Bryce Executive Vice President, General Counsel, and Secretary. Bryce will report to S.A. Ibrahim, Chief Executive Officer. The company hopes to benefit considerably from Bryce's wide-ranging experience in the legal and mortgage industries. Prior to joining Radian, Bryce served Nexstar Financial Corporation as General Counsel, Senior Vice President, and Secretary.

Former Norton Rose partner joins Al Salam Bank as GC

Bahrain-based Al Salam Bank hired international law firm Norton Rose's former partner designate, Mohammed Paracha, as the bank's Executive Vice President and General Counsel. Paracha, after a six-year stint at Norton Rose's headquarters in London, shifted base to the Bahrain office to lead the regional Islamic finance team. Al Salam Bank envisions building a high-caliber senior management team with Paracha's help, in order to facilitate the achievement of its premeditated exigent goal of becoming a global force in the Islamic financial services industry. The bank's mission is to provide distinguished products and services to astute clients in specific zones. Over the course of his trailblazing career, Paracha has held active membership in the Bank of England's Working Party on Islamic Finance, influenced the formation of the Islamic Bank of Britain, and advised Lloyds TSB regarding the establishment of an Islamic banking window.

HealthMarkets elevates Colliflower to Executive VP, GC, and CCO

HealthMarkets promoted Michael A. Colliflower to the post of Executive Vice President, General Counsel, and Chief Compliance Officer. In addition to offering brilliant counseling, one of Colliflower's noteworthy achievements while with the company was forging relations among the states where the company does business. Prior to joining HealthMarkets, Colliflower served as Senior Vice President and Chief Insurance Counsel for the insurance subsidiaries of Universal American Financial Corporation. A leader in providing affordable health and life insurance to all, HealthMarkets has its headquarters in North Richland Hills, TX. It also offers varied insurance products (including individual and self-employed health insurance, small employer group health insurance, student health insurance, life insurance, and reinsurance) and services through its subsidiaries.

Barcelo Crestline appoints new GC and senior VP

Barcelo Crestline Corporation and Crestline Hotels and Resorts, Inc., hired Pierre Donahue as their General Legal Counsel and Senior Vice President. Donahue joins Barcelo Crestline from Marriott International, where he served as the leader of the law department's North American lodging operations group. The company hopes to cash in on Donahue's wide range of experience with hospitality industry contracts, operations, sales and marketing, and owner relations. Barcelo Crestline, parent to Crestline Hotels and Resorts, leases and subleases 90 limited-service hotels.

DataCert's GC Mark Poag is "Outstanding"

Mark Poag, General Counsel of DataCert, Inc., has been selected as the 2006 Outstanding Solo Corporate Counsel by the Association of Corporate Counsel and the *Houston Business Journal*. The award is presented as a token of outstanding achievements and dexterity exemplified by in-house counsels in the field of corporate law. DataCert is a leading provider of electronic invoicing and legal spend management solutions. Poag's success follows the company's recent foray into Europe, as well as his deft handling of complex litigation matters. DataCert, a leader in supplying electronic invoicing and corporate legal spend management solutions, has more than 6,300 customers (including 55 of the Fortune 500 companies) in 100 countries.

Renal Care appoints new GC

Renal Care, Inc., appointed Thomas L. Weinberg as its Vice President and General Counsel. Weinberg will supervise Renal Care's legal operations and associations. Renal Care hopes to benefit immensely from Weinberg's experience in both the commercial and public policy areas of the dialysis

industry. Prior to joining Renal Care, Weinberg served Davita, Inc., as vice President of Public Policy in Washington, DC, and as Assistant General Counsel in Tacoma, WA. Renal Care serves 2,300 dialysis patients in 34 dialysis clinics in Texas and Arkansas.

Sungard on the lookout for Asia GC

Sungard, a company dealing in software, is on the lookout for a senior lawyer with mergers and acquisitions experience to lead its Asia-Pacific legal team as general counsel—a newly created position for Asia. Currently, Howard Wallis, General Counsel for Europe, the Middle East, and Asia, supervises the company's Asian transactions. Sungard's hunt targets forward-looking individuals who will be able to control the company's operations from China to New Zealand and Australia. At present, only 5 percent of the company's \$4 billion total revenue comes from the Asia-Pacific connection, which the company envisages fortifying in the near future.