

# Porzio Expands Reach with Opening of Wilmington, Delaware Office Led by Cheryl A. Santaniello as Managing Principal

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Location Offers Strong Regional Counsel in Complex Commercial Transactions and Options for Preferred Venues

**WILMINGTON, D.E.** – Porzio, Bromberg & Newman P.C. (Porzio), is delighted to announce that Cheryl A. Santaniello has joined the firm to launch and lead Porzio's first Delaware office. The new office is part of the firm's long-term strategy to offer clients expanded services in Delaware and seamless access to its bankruptcy courts. Santaniello brings three decades of legal experience and community service to the position and is a trusted advisor to clients on complex business transactions and acquisitions. The office supports Porzio's strong bench in bankruptcy in its New Jersey and New York offices, and is positioned to grow with regional lateral recruitment. The new office is located at 300 Delaware Ave., Suite 1220, in Wilmington.

"This is an exciting time for Porzio, as Cheryl's transactional and creditors rights background aligns with our firm's objective to provide local counsel to our clients' bankruptcy matters in Delaware," said Vito A. Gagliardi, Jr., managing principal of Porzio and president of the firm's three subsidiaries, Porzio Life Sciences, LLC, Porzio Governmental Affairs, LLC, and Porzio Compliance Services, LLC. "We welcome Cheryl to the firm, knowing that our clients will benefit from her significant experience representing regional lending institutions, commercial real estate owners, and developers. In addition, Cheryl's strong connection to the Wilmington area will guide our bankruptcy clients on financial distress and restructuring matters in the Delaware courts."

In addition to serving as managing principal of the Wilmington office, Santaniello is a member of Porzio's Real Estate and Bankruptcy Practice Groups. Highly regarded for her practice in the areas of business transactions, commercial real estate, lending and creditors rights, Santaniello represents commercial purchasers, sellers, lenders, developers, landlords, and tenants in Delaware, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey.

Santaniello serves as outside general counsel to clients in a variety of industries, helping them navigate their day-to-day operations and providing legal opinions to lenders and rating agencies on entity formation and existence, authority, bankruptcy-remoteness and non-consolidation.

"I am excited to work with my new Porzio colleagues and to be a part of the firm's overall strategic growth into the Delaware legal community. The wide range of legal services and specialists Porzio offers businesses and individuals is impressive, and I am confident that local and regional clients will find Porzio's attorneys to be strategic partners and allies," said Santaniello. "I am particularly excited to help launch Porzio's established bankruptcy practice into this region, offering local Delaware counsel to the firm's clients on their critically important bankruptcy matters. I look forward to building the Porzio team here in Wilmington."

Santaniello received her J.D. from Rutgers University School of Law and her B.A. from Vanderbilt University.

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