Statement of Support of Nominee

I am writing this statement to support the nomination of Mike Sosso as a candidate for Best LGBT Lawyers under 40: Class of 2013. Mike joined BP in June, 2011 as Senior Counsel – Antitrust with responsibility for all of BP’s antitrust counselling, compliance and transaction assistance for the Americas and Asia. Within a few months’ time Mike was able to gain the trust of very senior executives in BP by advising on complex and strategic matters.

Recently, Mike was promoted to Managing Counsel – Antitrust where he leads a team of specialist lawyers who work collaboratively with senior leaders in the corporation to identify and mitigate antitrust and competition law risk in transactions and business conduct. He recently led a team of dozens of lawyers and economists in responding to a broad second request from the FTC under the Hart Scott Rodino Act. Throughout this rigorous project, Mike demonstrated his extraordinary technical legal skills as well his leadership capability.

In addition to his technical skill and leadership, Mike has shown a commitment to diversity and inclusion particularly in the LGBT space. Soon after joining BP, Mike was appointed to BP’s Global D&I committee on which he has now served for 18 months. Once again, Mike is a leader amongst the members of the committee. He is comfortable challenging BP Legal leadership to live its values and not just speak them. He speaks up for the LGBT community when it may otherwise be overlooked.

As a young lawyer, Mike demonstrates expertise far beyond his years of practice. As a D&I champion, Mike is a courageous leader. As a colleague, Mike is a pleasure to work with.

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