

## HONG KONG PARTNERS WIN TWO PRESTIGIOUS WIBLA 2020

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**Watson Farley & Williams (“WFW”) is delighted to announce that Madeline Leong, Partner and Hong Kong Office Head and Linh Doan, Partner and Hanoi Office Head have been named ‘Lawyer of the Year – International Trade and Shipping’ and ‘Lawyer of the Year – Energy, Natural Resources and Mining’ respectively at Euromoney’s Asia Women in Business Law Awards (WIBLA) 2020.**

Now in its tenth year, the WIBLA awards bring together the best women lawyers from across the region to celebrate the advancements of women in the legal profession, both in-house and in private practice. The awards provide a platform to recognise the women lawyers at the forefront of their field and the firms that are leading the effort to advance women and diversity and inclusion in the legal industry, including continuous initiatives for mentorship, gender diversity, minority women, talent management and work-life balance.

Madeline commented: “I am very honoured and humbled to receive this award from among such an outstanding and deserving group of female finalists this year. These awards are not only a testament to the advancement and achievements of all women lawyers across the region but also serve to recognise their tireless contributions. I feel very fortunate to be living in a day and age where women’s abilities and roles are so positively encouraged and fully supported”.

Linh added: “We are extremely proud of our continued progress in promoting the development of women in the legal profession. Winning these awards is testament to our focus and commitment to diversity and inclusion”.

WFW is proud to have celebrated the firm’s leading women lawyers in Asia winning numerous prestigious awards over the years. Madeline was recently named by Lloyd’s List as one of the Top 10 Maritime Lawyers of 2020, while Linh has been named as one of four leading female lawyers in Vietnam in IFLR1000’s Women Leaders 2020 rankings. In addition, Partner and Singapore Office Head Mei Lin Goh won Euromoney’s ‘Best in Shipping’ in 2018 and 2019. These awards further demonstrate the firm’s strong, supportive, and diverse maritime and energy sector groups in the Asia Pacific region.

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