Presenter Bio

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Dan Crowley, a partner at K&L Gates, represents financial services providers on a broad range of policy issues including accounting & financial reporting, broker-dealer & securities trading, commodities & futures, corporate governance, depository institutions, derivatives & securitization, hedge funds, insurance, investment management, mortgage banking & consumer finance, and retirement security & pensions. He leads the firm's global financial services policy practice and facilitates coordination among these practice areas on behalf of the firm's policy clients.

Prior to joining K&L Gates as partner in September 2008, for five years Dan was chief government affairs officer at the Investment Company Institute, the national association of the mutual fund industry. Previously, Dan was vice president and managing director, Office of Government Relations, the Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc. (NASDAQ). He joined NASDAQ after managing government relations during the spinoff of NASDAQ from its former parent, the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. (NASD, n/k/a FINRA). Before joining NASD as vice president, Governmental Affairs, Dan served for eight years in the U.S. House of Representatives in increasingly senior staff positions, including: general counsel, Office of Speaker Newt Gingrich; general counsel, Committee on House Oversight (Bill Thomas, Chairman); and minority counsel, Committee on House Administration (Bill Thomas, Ranking Member).

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