WEIL ASSOCIATE GIUGI CARMINATI APPOINTED TO ADVISORY BOARD FOR INSTITUTE FOR TRANSNATIONAL ARBITRATION

HOUSTON – October 4, 2011 – Maria-Vittoria "Giugi" Carminati, a Litigation associate in the Houston office of international law firm Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, has been appointed to the advisory board for the Institute for Transnational Arbitration (ITA). A division of the Center for American and International Law, ITA was founded in 1986 to provide advanced continuing education for attorneys, judges and others concerned with transnational arbitration of commercial and investment disputes.

At Weil, Carminati’s legal practice focuses on complex commercial litigation, insurance litigation and products liability. She has worked on matters in several areas including chemical products liability, title insurance, breach of contract and breach of fiduciary duty. As a devoted participant in community and professional leadership activities, Carminati served on the board of directors for the Texas Young Lawyers Association and currently serves as a Fellow of the Houston Young Lawyers Foundation and the Texas Young Lawyers Foundation.

Carminati was also recently appointed to the Membership Board of the American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division (ABA YLD) and named ABA YLD Liaison to the Standing Committee on Publishing Oversight. In addition to her work on ABA YLD committees, Carminati is a member of the Commercial Space Flight Working Group of the Aerospace Medical Association, a member of the International Institute of Space Law (IISL) and was a North American regional round judge for the 2010 IISL Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition. She is also a member of the Young and International Arbitration Group of the London Court of International Arbitration.

Carminati is fluent in English, French and Italian, and she is conversational in Spanish. Carminati received her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Houston Honors College in 2005 and her law degree from the University of Houston Law Center, magna cum laude, in 2008.

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