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Lisa Schneider Joins Sodali as Director of U.S. Institutional Investor Affairs

Lisa Schneider, former General Counsel and Director of Policy and Corporate Governance for the North Carolina Department of State Treasurer, has joined Sodali to manage the firm's strategy and relations with U.S. institutional investors.



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Ms. Schneider, an accomplished corporate governance expert, brings more than a decade of legal and policy experience in corporate governance, securities regulation, environmental practices and institutional engagement with public companies.

John Wilcox, Chairman of Sodali, said, "Lisa will play a pivotal role at Sodali, helping us achieve our goal of aligning the interests of our corporate clients and their U.S. institutional investors. Her professional background and work with the North Carolina State Treasurer, a respected institutional investor and governance advocate, provide Sodali with additional expertise and access to institutional decision-makers in the world's largest capital market."

Ms. Schneider holds a law degree from Tulane University and a bachelor of arts from the University of Miami, Florida, and is a member of the North Carolina and Florida State Bars. In her previous role, she worked collaboratively with institutional investors and regulators on issues such as executive remuneration, director election policies, board accountability, disclosure and transparency.

Alvise Recchi, CEO of Sodali, added, "While Sodali is a global company, local expertise and credibility are a hallmark of our firm's strategic approach. Lisa brings inside knowledge of the U.S. investor community and operations. She will be able to provide senior-level advice to our clients and help them understand and maintain the support of U.S. investors."

About Sodali

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