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**LAW FIRM WILEY REIN JOINS THE SATELLITE INDUSTRY
ASSOCIATION**

Newly created SIA Affiliate Member category expands membership to include satellite industry support firms, such as legal and consulting organizations

Washington, D.C., May 23, 2016 – The Satellite Industry Association (SIA) today announced that leading Washington-based law firm Wiley Rein LLP has become SIA’s inaugural affiliate member. SIA is a full-service trade association that represents commercial satellite companies as the unified voice of the U.S. satellite industry on policy, regulatory, and legislative issues affecting the satellite business. The Association’s Affiliate Membership Category was recently introduced to provide companies and organizations previously not eligible for membership with an economical way to join the Association and share in the Association’s marketing, communication, and event benefits enjoyed by SIA’s current members.

For more than three decades, Wiley Rein has counseled a broad range of satellite industry clients on communications matters and the firm’s attorneys have represented clients in regulatory proceedings before the FCC, Congress, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, and state regulatory agencies.

“SIA is very pleased to welcome Wiley Rein to the Association,” said Tom Stroup, President of SIA. “Their expert counsel on satellite industry and regulatory matters has proven invaluable to SIA and several of our members and that expertise makes them ideally suited for our new Affiliate Member category. Over the years, we have been asked to consider expanding our membership criteria to include entities that supply goods and services to the industry, such as satellite industry legal and consulting firms, plus other companies not previously eligible for membership. We are extremely pleased that Wiley Rein is our inaugural SIA Affiliate Member and we look forward to growing that membership category in the near future.”

“Wiley Rein is delighted to join SIA as its inaugural affiliate member,” said Jennifer D. Hindin, chair of Wiley Rein’s Satellite Practice. “SIA has been a leading voice for the highly complex and technical satellite industry for more than 20 years, serving as a creative forum to educate and advance the interests of its members, and helping to shape regulatory policy and positively impact business interactions on a national and global level. We look forward to contributing to the Association’s efforts in every way we can.”

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About The Satellite Industry Association

SIA is a U.S.-based trade association providing representation of the leading satellite operators, service providers, manufacturers, launch services providers, and ground equipment suppliers. For more than two decades, SIA has advocated on behalf of the U.S. satellite industry on policy, regulatory, and legislative issues affecting the satellite business. For more information, visit www.sia.org.

SIA Executive Members include: The Boeing Company; The DIRECTV Group; EchoStar Corporation; Intelsat S.A.; Iridium Communications Inc.; Kratos Defense & Security Solutions; Ligado Networks; Lockheed Martin Corporation; Northrop Grumman Corporation; OneWeb; SES Americom, Inc.; Space Exploration Technologies Corp.; SSL; and ViaSat, Inc. SIA Associate Members include: ABS US Corp.; Artel, LLC; COMSAT Inc.; DigitalGlobe Inc.; DRS Technologies, Inc.; Eutelsat America Corp.; Global Eagle Entertainment; Glowlink Communications Technology, Inc.; Hughes; iDirect Government Technologies; Inmarsat, Inc.; Kymeta Corporation; O3b Limited; Panasonic Avionics Corporation; Planet Labs Inc.; TeleCommunication Systems, Inc.; Telesat Canada; TrustComm, Inc.; Ultisat, Inc.; and XTAR, LLC. SIA Affiliate Members include: Wiley Rein LLP

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