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CALLIGRAPH LLC

Managing Partners Katherine Flynn and Zoë Pagnamenta announce the launch of Calligraph LLC, a new literary agency based in New York and Boston representing authors across a range of genres and disciplines. Calligraph marks the coming together of two well-established companies: The Kneerim & Williams Agency founded by Jill Kneerim and Ike Williams in 1990, and The Zoë Pagnamenta Agency, founded by Zoë Pagnamenta in 2008. The combined agency represents writers across North America, the UK, and internationally, including both established and first-time authors--in print, digital, and audio form, and it handles foreign publication, podcast, film, and television rights.

In creating Calligraph, (the name is inspired by the Ancient Greek words *kallos* — “beauty” — and *graphein* — “to write”), Pagnamenta, Flynn, and their colleagues declare a commitment to the careful representation of talented writers with the goal of helping them communicate their words and ideas with the world. With a collective history of more than 45 years of representing authors, the two agencies Calligraph brings together share a strong belief in the power of books and reading to inspire, to entertain, and to enlighten, but also to effect change.

Flynn and Pagnamenta are joined in this new venture by Partner, Alison MacKeen; Principal Agents Lucy Cleland, Eve MacSweeney, and Carolyn Savarese; Affiliated Agent Carol Franco; Agent & Editorial Manager Sarah Khalil and Agent & Foreign Rights Manager Jess Hoare; and Kneerim & Williams co-founder John Taylor (Ike) Williams. In looking after its authors, the team offers not only expertise in literary agenting but also experience at major trade publishers and university presses in editorial, contracts, and subsidiary rights; in magazine publishing, editing, and feature



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writing; in ghostwriting; in intellectual property and media and entertainment law; and in academia.

Calligraph launches with an impressive community of best-selling and prize-winning authors. Awards for which its authors have been winners and finalists include the Pulitzer Prize, the National Book Award, the National Book Critics Circle Awards, the Bancroft, the Baillie-Gifford and Wainwright Prizes, the Story Award, and the PEN and Whiting Awards. Among the new agency's clients are recipients of Cullman Center, Guggenheim, MacArthur Genius, Radcliffe, and Freedom fellowships and grants. Its roster includes #1 New York Times and internationally bestselling authors, and writers whose names appear regularly on the annual 'best books of the year' lists in the *New York Times*, *Boston Globe*, *Kirkus Reviews*, *New Yorker*, *Financial Times*, *Economist*, *Guardian*, *Sunday Times*, and many other publications.

Flynn says:

"As K&W's beloved co-founder Jill would say, I'm 'over the moon' to be coming together with ZPA and to welcome new colleagues to our group. I've long wanted to work with Zoë and feel a kinship between her author list and K&W's. One of the many things I'm looking forward to at Calligraph is having our authors benefit from the broad and deep experience of our collective."

Pagnamenta says:

"I'm delighted to be joining my agency with the wonderful firm that is Kneerim & Williams. I've known Katherine and Ike and the team for many years and Jill was a friend and mentor whose approach to the business of agenting I always admired; I'm excited about what's to come, and the timing feels right to take this step."

Ike Williams says:

"I am thrilled we are uniting with Zoë and her distinguished agency. My late co-founder and friend, Jill Kneerim, and I had long treasured our friendship with Zoë and



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admired her many successes. My colleagues and I look forward to working with her and her team to build an agency that will further enhance our authors' careers. "

Translation rights will be managed by the agency. UK rights will be handled through a selection of UK agencies.

For more information, please see our website - www.calligraphlit.com.

