

# Little Adds Shareholder Renea Saade in Anchorage

Employment and labor law firm [Little](#) has added [Renea I. Saade](#) as a shareholder in the Anchorage office. Saade was previously a partner in the labor and employment group at Stoel Rives LLP.

“Renea has an impressive background counseling employers in Alaska as well as throughout the Pacific Northwest, and is a great addition to our Anchorage office,” said Doug Parker, office managing shareholder in Anchorage and Portland. “She serves as a trusted adviser to her clients and her depth of experience, especially in the energy, construction and government contracting industries, will be a significant benefit to the firm.”

In a news release, the firm said:

Saade counsels employers on a wide range of issues that arise in the workplace, including accommodation and leave requests, wage and hour compliance, enforcement and defense of non-competition and non-solicitation agreements, workplace investigations, discipline and terminations. She regularly advises employers on developing, updating and enforcing employee contracts and policies and has particular experience advising government contractors on the complex requirements and unique risks they face in managing their workforces. Saade often serves as an independent workplace investigator and trainer on various employment law issues, including the prevention of discrimination and harassment in the workplace. She also represents employers before governmental agencies and local courts.

“Little’s capabilities and experience in the labor and employment space are exceptional and I’ve long had a high

regard for Doug Parker and the firm's work in Alaska and the Northwest," Saade said. "I look forward to drawing on Littler's unparalleled platform and resources to continue to support the labor and employment law needs of companies operating in this region."

Outside of her legal practice, Saade serves as board president of YWCA Alaska and is a member of several community and legal organizations, including the Kohanic Broadcasting Board of Directors, the Anchorage Association of Women Lawyers Board of Directors, Mother Attorneys Mentoring Association of Seattle, the Washington Defense Trial Lawyers and DRI. She is a regular speaker and author on employment law developments, and is an active member, presenter and trainer for the Alaska Chapter of the Society for Human Resource Management. Saade also provides pro bono counsel to several public broadcasting and social service non-profit organizations.

Saade has been named one of "America's Leading Lawyers for Business" in Alaska by Chambers USA each year since 2014. She received her J.D. from Northeastern University School of Law and her B.A. from the University of Washington.

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**DLA Piper Adds Corporate  
Partner Danish Hamid in**

# Washington, DC

DLA Piper announced that Danish Hamid has joined the firm's Corporate practice as a partner in Washington, DC.

In a release, the firm said Hamid is an international lawyer who focuses on cross-border business transactions, regulatory compliance and internal investigations. He has significant experience drafting and negotiating complex international sales, licensing, outsourcing, distribution, joint venture and foreign government and military procurement contracts. For nearly 20 years, Hamid has counseled clients on a variety of regulatory matters, including those related to the US Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) and other anti-bribery laws, anti-money laundering, data privacy, US economic sanctions and the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS).

The release continues:

“Danish has a deep understanding of both domestic and global compliance requirements, which will serve our clients well in today's challenging regulatory landscape,” said John Gilluly, DLA Piper's US chair of the Corporate practice. “His skills and knowledge integrate closely with our leading global white collar and regulatory practices.”

Hamid has led numerous internal investigations and corporate matters in Asia, Africa, the Middle East, and Latin America for publicly-traded and private companies. He regularly advises C-level managers, company boards, audit committees, and outside auditors on investigations and related government disclosure strategies. Hamid has also counseled a variety of businesses on implementing and auditing compliance programs, and is regularly called upon to support regulatory due diligence efforts in the context of M&A transactions, private placements, capital market deals,

joint ventures, and reseller, vendor, and business partner relationships. His clients range from emerging companies to prominent multinational public companies in the technology, healthcare and life sciences, investment banking, venture capital, energy, defense, aerospace, and education fields.

“With so much uncertainty in Washington, particularly within the life sciences and technology industries, it’s more important than ever for companies to ensure they’re staying on track,” said Jeff Lehrer, managing partner of DLA Piper’s Washington, DC, office. “Danish’s attention to detail in leading investigations across various industries and his reputation for efficiently and effectively handling clients’ needs will be very valuable to our clients.”

Hamid joins from Cooley, where he was the co-chair of the firm’s FCPA and International Anti-Corruption Practice. He is the most recent addition to DLA Piper’s Washington, DC, office in recent months, following partners Raphael Larson, John Rah and Anna Spencer. Additionally, the firm’s Corporate practice has added partners throughout the US this year, including Jeff Legault (New York), Omari Sealy (Miami) and Paul Wassgren (Los Angeles).

Hamid received his J.D. from George Washington University, where he was a member of The George Washington International Law Review. He earned his B.A., with honors, in Jurisprudence from the University of Oxford.

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## Foley Adds Construction Attorney Lisa Glahn in Boston

Lisa Glahn has joined [Foley & Lardner LLP](#)'s Construction Practice as a partner in the Boston office.

Glahn's practice focuses on construction, real estate and project development, where she counsels on strategic deal structuring, contract formation, complex litigation and claims resolution, among other issues. She represents clients in both the public and private sectors, including contractors, developers, lenders and owners through all project phases.

"Lisa has a versatile practice and can offer services from the transactional commencement of a project until the last dispute is resolved in litigation," said Jeffrey Blease, chair of Foley's Construction Practice. "She's particularly adept at litigating and managing trial teams on complex, high-stakes projects that involve multiple parties."

In a news release, the firm said:

Glahn has successfully handled construction litigation cases and disputes related to waste-to-energy and EPC projects, design-build ventures, and hospital, university, real estate and transportation development projects. On the transactional side, she drafts and negotiates general contracts, subcontracts, consultant agreements, construction management agreements, development agreements and other project related documents.

"Lisa has the judgment and experience to handle the most complex construction issues, of which there are many across Boston's burgeoning industries and real estate market," said

Susan Pravda, managing partner of Foley's Boston office. "In addition to the excellent service she provides to clients, Lisa regularly lends her professional skills to the local community and supports organizations that promote the greater good."

From 2004 to 2005, Glahn worked as a special assistant district attorney with the Middlesex District Attorney's Office, where she tried more than 30 cases and advocated for social justice and human rights on behalf of underrepresented and marginalized constituencies. She serves on the board of the non-profit organization Women in Construction, and is a former board member of the National Association of Women in Construction – Boston Chapter. Lisa is also a member of the American Bar Association, Massachusetts Bar Association and Women's Bar Association.

Prior to joining Foley, Glahn was a member at Mintz Levin.

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## [Christopher Moore Joins Hogan Lovells' Global M&A Practice](#)

[Hogan Lovells](#) announced that [Christopher Moore](#) has joined the firm's Corporate Practice as a partner in Northern California.

"Chris is a tremendous addition to our global M&A team, with deep expertise advising clients on both public and private transactions," said David Gibbons, Global Head of Hogan

Lovells' Corporate Practice Group. "His joining is another step in our focused effort to increase the capabilities of our M&A practice in key markets."

Moore joins from Weil, Gotshal & Manges on the heels of the addition of market-leading M&A partners Richard Climan, Keith Flaum, Jane Ross and IP and Technology Transactions partner John Brockland, all of whom Moore worked with extensively at his prior firm.

"Chris is a superb M&A lawyer. Our clients very much enjoyed working with him at our prior firm, and we are elated that he has decided to join us at Hogan Lovells," said Climan.

Moore focuses on representing major technology and life sciences companies on a wide range of domestic and cross-border transactional matters, including acquisitions, divestitures, and joint ventures. He has played a leading role on teams advising Eli Lilly on its acquisition of CoLucid Pharmaceuticals; zulily on its sale to Liberty Interactive; Xenoport on its sale to Arbor Pharmaceuticals; Adobe Systems on its acquisition of Aviary; Synopsys on its acquisitions of Protecode, Gold Standard Simulations, Cigital and Codiscope; and Vonage on its acquisitions of Telesphere Networks, Simple Signal and iCore Networks.

"I'm excited to again team up with Rick, Keith, and Jane as part of the top-ranked Hogan Lovells corporate team," said Moore. "Hogan Lovells' platform and market leading expertise in key areas will help us continue to deliver top-tier M&A services to clients across the globe."

Moore received a B.A. cum laude and a J.D. from the University of California Los Angeles.

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# Buchalter Expands In Northern California

Buchalter announces that Matthew S. Covington and Jeffrey M. Hamerling have joined the San Francisco office, and Alissa Pleau-Fuller has joined the Sacramento office. All are members of the Litigation Practice Group and joined from Archer Norris.

Prior to Archer Norris, both Covington and Hamerling were Partners with DLA Piper.

Buchalter also announced that it added an attorney in San Francisco to its Insolvency & Financial Law Practice, Jeannie Kim.

As a result of their industry acumen, both Covington and Hamerling devote significant portions of their practices to petroleum companies, focusing on franchise, distribution, commercial and environmental matters. Both are also known for their experience with the Petroleum Marketing Practices Act, having handled cases that established major precedents in the petroleum retail industry.

“Matt and Jeff bring impressive resumes having extensive experience representing petroleum company clients in complex environmental matters,” said Adam J. Bass, President and Chief Executive Officer of Buchalter. “We have been looking to expand our representation of this industry for quite some time, and Matt, Jeff and Lisa are a great cultural fit.”



Covington is a member of the American Bar Association's sections on Litigation Environmental Law. Covington earned his J.D. cum laude at Harvard Law School in 1991, and received his B.A. with honors from Stanford University in 1988.

Hamerling is a member of the American Bar Association's Environmental Law and Natural Resources subsection. He is also a member of the San Francisco Bar Association and serves on the Board of Directors for Contra Costa Legal Services. Hamerling received his J.D. from the University of California, Davis School of Law and his B.A. with honors from the University of California, Berkeley.

"I'm thrilled at the opportunity to join the firm during such an exciting time at Buchalter, and add our experience and expertise to the already exceptional capabilities the firm offers its clients," said Matt. "I look forward to continuing to grow our practice with the impressive platform Buchalter provides."

In February of this year, Buchalter opened a Sacramento office which has grown to 14 attorneys with the addition of Pleau-Fuller. Pleau-Fuller focuses her practice on serving the litigation needs of franchisors, including petroleum marketing companies. She has also worked on matters involving refinery and cogeneration facilities. Pleau-Fuller received her J.D. from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law with distinction in 2008, her M.B.A. from California State University, Sacramento in 2004, and her B.A. from the University of California, Davis in 2000.

Prior to joining Buchalter, Kim served as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Deborah J. Saltzman, United States Bankruptcy Judge in the Central District of California, Riverside and as a judicial extern to the Honorable Maureen A. Tighe, United States Bankruptcy Judge in the Central District of California, San Fernando Valley Division, and the Honorable Carla M. Woehrle, United States Magistrate Judge, Central District of

California, Western Division. She earned her J.D. at Loyola Law School, Postgraduate Diploma in International Political Thought from the University of St. Andrews, and her B.A. from the University of California, Los Angeles.

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## [Hogan Lovells Combines with Collora, Adding Boston Office](#)

Global law firm Hogan Lovells announced that it will combine with Collora, a Boston-based litigation/investigations firm with a strong focus in life sciences and healthcare, as well as financial services and technology. The combination is expected to become effective Sept. 1, at which time all partners, lawyers, and business services members of Collora will join Hogan Lovells, the firm said in a news release.

“The addition of Collora enhances Hogan Lovells’ capabilities to serve clients in one of the most dynamic and growing markets in the US. Boston is home to global leaders in technology, life sciences, healthcare, and financial services,” according to the release. “The area boasts elite academic and research institutions and world-class medical facilities. Economic development in the Boston metropolitan area is fuelled by an active financial services and investment community. The new office will be focused on litigation and investigations with a particular emphasis on the life sciences and healthcare sectors; over time, Hogan Lovells expects to

add regulatory, corporate transactions, and IP capabilities.”

“The Boston region is a key strategic market in the United States. Although we have worked closely with clients in the area for years, it more recently became clear to us that there was a need for an office that had strong roots in the community,” says Hogan Lovells CEO Steve Immelt. “Collora is a firm that shares our values, our culture and our approach. We have worked with them for many clients over the years. It has highly regarded practices in litigation and investigations, with a particular focus in life sciences, which fits very well with our own practices. We also intend to focus on the financial services, technology industries and education sectors, where we already have strong practices in other markets. We are delighted to welcome the Collora team and look forward to working with them for the benefit of our clients.”

The release continues:

The combination provides Collora and its clients with access to a network of services and practitioners that seamlessly work to provide a cohesive client experience globally. Hogan Lovells is recognized as a global leader in life sciences and healthcare, with specialists in areas such as regulatory, intellectual property, transactions, and disputes. Together, the two firms have more than 500 lawyers practicing in the life sciences and healthcare industry.

Collora has several well-known trial advocates who represent both companies and individuals in government investigations, complex civil litigation, professional licensing and discipline matters and other litigation matters, with a particular focus on financial services, technology and the life sciences industry. The firm includes former federal and state prosecutors, judicial law clerks, law professors and a former chief justice of the Massachusetts Appeals Court.

“Hogan Lovells has a strong global reputation and offers us

depth and reach that brings a new and exciting dimension to what we are able to offer our clients,” said Bill Lovett, who is currently the Managing Partner of Collora, and will serve as the Office Managing Partner of the Hogan Lovells Boston office. “We looked very hard at making sure that the business and cultural fit would be right for us – for nearly thirty years our firm has been committed to serving our clients and contributing to our community. Based on many years of working together for some of the same clients, we know Hogan Lovells brings those qualities to the table across the entire firm. No other Boston firm has Hogan Lovells’ global reach. We look forward to making these skills available to our clients and to new Boston-area clients as well.”

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## [\*\*Litigator Michael Klein Joins Dykema’s Austin Office\*\*](#)

National law firm [Dykema](#) announced the addition of Michael Klein to its Litigation Department and Insurance Industry Group as a member in the firm’s Austin office. Klein joins Dykema after practicing at the Austin office of Sedgwick LLP.

Klein has more than 35 years of experience representing clients as a trial lawyer. He has tried nearly 50 matters to final award or judgment in both state and federal courts, as well as arbitration. While his most recent work involves first

party insurance coverage and bad faith as well as insurance regulatory litigation, he also has experience with extensive and wide-ranging business and commercial litigation, as well as complex real estate litigation and trade secrets.

Klein also represents large, national healthcare and insurance clients in governmental investigations, declaratory judgment actions and injunctive matters involving insurance regulatory and consumer protection issues. He has extensive experience in healthcare Prompt Pay litigation and advising payors/insurers on the implications of the statute.

“Michael’s reputation as a top-flight litigator precedes him,” said Keith Shuley, Managing Member of Dykema’s Austin office. “He has extensive experience with various forms of litigation and knows well how to navigate federal and state courts in Texas. We’re very excited to add him to our Austin office.”

Klein, who is a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates, received a J.D. from The University of Houston Law Center and a B.B.A. from The University of Texas.

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**Compliance Expert Janice G.  
Jacobs Joins Berkeley**

# Research Group

[Berkeley Research Group](#) announced that Janice Jacobs, a managing director in the firm, has joined Edward Buthusiem and Katherine Norris in BRG's Healthcare Corporate Compliance and Risk Management (CCRM) practice.

Jacobs has more than 30 years of healthcare industry experience, including hospital accounting and auditing, inpatient, outpatient and professional fee coding, compliance and revenue cycle management.

Before joining BRG, Jacobs was a director at a professional services firm, where she developed a Regulatory Compliance and Coding practice. She also was a director in the Healthcare Compliance and Investigations practice of a global management consulting firm, where she worked on engagements at the country's top Academic Medical Centers, including Stanford, Duke, Johns Hopkins, Thomas Jefferson and the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Jacobs is a Certified Public Accountant licensed in the State of Pennsylvania, a Certified Professional Coder and a Certified Professional Compliance Officer with the American Academy of Professional Coders (AAPC), a Certified Coding Specialist and an AHIMA-Approved ICD-10 Trainer with the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) and a Radiation Oncology Certified Coder with the American Medical Auditing Company (AMAC).

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# Jackson Walker Expands Corporate, Real Estate, M&A Practices in San Antonio

San Antonio business attorneys William McDonough, Peter Broderick and James McDonough have joined [Jackson Walker LLP](#) as partners in the San Antonio office, as well as associate Art Cavazos.

“We continue to attract an outstanding next generation of lawyers and are delighted to have Jimmy, Pete and Billy join our team,” said Stephanie Chandler, leader of the firm’s San Antonio Corporate and Securities group. “We expect to see substantial opportunities in the San Antonio market in the coming years, and their extraordinary experience in a wide range of sophisticated matters will be vital in meeting the needs of the business community here. Their addition further expands our already strong San Antonio footprint.”

In a news release, the firm said:

Pete Broderick counsels both private and municipal clients with real estate development, economic development, and land use planning projects. He also has an extensive commercial real estate practice representing landlords and tenants of commercial properties of all kinds, with particular emphasis on retail and office leasing.

Jimmy McDonough counsels public and private companies and financial institutions in a broad array of corporate finance transactions. He also regularly represents clients in all types of commercial real estate transactions, including both developed and undeveloped site acquisitions and

dispositions, portfolio convenience store (with fuel) acquisitions and dispositions, mortgage lending transactions and commercial office and retail leasing transactions.

Billy McDonough advises a diverse range of businesses engaged in mergers and acquisitions, securities offerings, and joint ventures. He represents sellers, purchasers and targets in a number of industries, including the medical device, downstream energy, multi-unit fuel retail, and financial institution industries. He also advises private and public clients in general corporate matters.

Art Cavazos, Jr., a senior level associate, focuses on businesses transactions in various industries including oil and gas, finance, construction, healthcare, agriculture, insurance services and telecommunications.

San Antonio office managing partner Scott Rose stated that “the addition of such outstanding professionals as Billy, Pete and Jimmy, all with deep roots in our community, adds to the vibrant fabric of the office and further evidences Jackson Walker’s strong commitment to San Antonio.”

These four additions bring the growth of the San Antonio office to seven new lawyers since the beginning of 2017. Steve Jacobs, Steve Seidel, and Noah Speck joined the firm in San Antonio earlier this year. The firm also landed six IP litigators in Houston in March and added three lawyers in Austin in April.

“We are proud of our success in attracting so many talented individuals to our firm,” said firm-wide managing partner Wade Cooper. “They are making our great Texas firm even better.”

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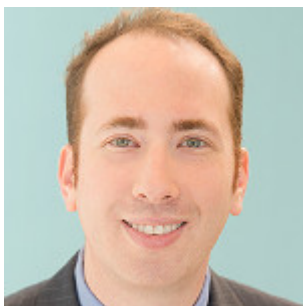


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# Dallas-Based Carrington Coleman Adds Patent Law, Estate Planning Attorneys

Intellectual property attorney [Seth Horwitz](#) and estate planning and probate attorney [Catherine Bright Haws](#) have joined the Dallas office of [Carrington, Coleman, Sloman & Blumenthal, LLP](#), as of counsel.

“Seth and Catherine are talented lawyers who embrace the high standards that clients expect from our firm,” said Carrington Coleman Managing Partner Bruce Collins. “Each brings an impressive understanding of the needs of their clients in their individual practice areas.”



In a news release, the firm said Horwitz’s experience in patent preparation and prosecution bolsters the firm’s formidable intellectual property and technology law practice. His work includes patent portfolio management; inter partes review (IPR); trademark registration and opposition; copyright licensing and enforcement; domain name arbitration; and identity theft, privacy and publicity rights matters. A registered patent attorney, his work encompasses a variety of technologies including:

- Network architectures
- Software as a service (SaaS)
- Semiconductor lithography and device architectures

- Optics
- Security Systems
- Image compression and processing
- Industrial machines
- Firearms



A 1998 graduate of Rice University with degrees in electrical engineering and math, and a 2001 graduate of Columbia University School of Law, Horwitz joins Carrington Coleman from the Dallas office of Glast, Phillips & Murray, PC.

Board certified in estate planning and probate law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization, Haws is an advisor to clients on estate planning and probate matters, including:

- Will and trust agreement preparation
- Planning for a potential mental incapacity
- Probate and estate administration
- Family business formation and succession
- Fiduciary litigation
- Estate, gift and generation-skipping tax planning

A 2001 graduate of Southern Methodist University's Dedman School of Law, Haws joins the firm from Key Harrington Barnes, PC.

Carrington Coleman is a 47-year-old Dallas-based law firm focused on litigation and transactional services in the real estate, oil and gas, securities, construction, information technology, professional services, health care industries, and family law, among others. The firm also represents public entities and provides counsel in the areas of corporate transactions, corporate governance, banking, bankruptcy/restructuring, intellectual property, employment, and estate planning. Learn more about the firm at [www.carringtoncoleman.com](http://www.carringtoncoleman.com).

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# Foley Adds Intellectual Property Partner in New York

Foley & Lardner LLP announced that Karen Mangasarian has joined the firm's Chemical, Biotechnology & Pharmaceutical Practice as a partner in the New York office.

Mangasarian regularly counsels a diverse group of life sciences clients across a wide range of technology areas, including small molecule pharmaceuticals, pharmaceutical formulations, biologics, diagnostic and therapeutic methods in molecular and cellular biology, immunology, microbiology, biochemistry, genomics and computational biology, the firm said in a news release.

The release continues:

“Karen’s extensive experience handling a variety of intellectual property matters for clients in the life sciences space, paired with her deep background in pharmacology and biochemistry, aligns well with our focus on helping clients maximize the value of, and protect, their technology,” said Kristel Schorr, Chair of the firm’s Chemical, Biotechnology & Pharmaceutical Practice.

Mangasarian works closely with her clients to provide patent counseling services, including obtaining international and domestic patent rights, creating competitive patent strategies, strategic planning, licensing and product life cycle management. She also has experience with post-grant procedures, such as interferences, re-examinations, oppositions and litigation.

“Karen brings an exceptional depth of patent counseling

knowledge to Foley,” said Peter Wang, Managing Partner of the firm’s New York City office. “Her experience complements our office’s strong Patent Litigation and Trademark, Copyright & Advertising Litigation practices, as well as our robust national patent counseling work. We are delighted to have her join us as an integral part of our team.”

Prior to joining Foley, Mangasarian was a partner at Ropes & Gray LLP.

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## [ERISA Litigation Partner Michael Graham Joins Michael Best Chicago Office](#)

[Michael Best](#) announces that [Michael T. Graham](#) has joined its Chicago office as a partner in the firm’s Labor & Employment Relations Group, where Graham will chair the firm’s growing ERISA Litigation Practice. This addition comes on the heels of several recent lateral hires in the Chicago office, including Mircea Tipescu and Peter Huh.

“We fully expect Michael to hit the ground running as he will be in great demand,” said Amy Schmidt Jones, Chair of the Labor & Employment Relations Practice Group. “With profound changes taking place in the employment sector, the two decades of experience Michael brings with him will help strengthen our practice and provide extraordinary counsel to our clients.”

Graham joins Michael Best from McDermott Will & Emery, and brings nearly 20 years of experience in Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) Litigation and employee benefits controversy matters on behalf of Fortune 500 employers, employee stock ownership plan (ESOP) trustees, plan administrators, and plan sponsors. He focuses his practice on employee benefits matters, including counseling plan administrators, fiduciaries and employers on proper statutory and regulatory compliance as well as administrative benefit claims and appeals procedures. He also counsels clients on preventive measures to avoid litigation and assists in developing defense plans in the event that litigation arises, the firm said in a news release.

“We’re thrilled that Michael has joined our Chicago office,” said Kerryann Haase Minton, Michael Best’s Chicago Office Managing Partner. “We’re always searching for talented and sophisticated attorneys and the experience Michael brings in employment benefits litigation will be a great addition to our team.”

Graham frequently litigates fiduciary breaches, ESOP issues, and medical and pension benefit denial claims in front of federal and state courts, and in front of the U.S. Department of Labor. He also dedicates a part of his practice to counseling plan administrators, fiduciaries and sponsors on Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) requirements and liabilities.

“There is a significant amount of ambiguity currently in the employment sector,” said Graham. “With a number of regulations and requirements set to come down, I expect employers to be very active in the near term and I believe Michael Best has positioned itself well to address their client’s needs in the employee benefits, ERISA litigation and labor and employment areas.”

Graham received his J.D., magna cum laude, from Valparaiso

University School of Law, and his A.B. from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

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## [Mlegal Adds Top Recruiting Talent to Support Global Expansion Plans](#)

[Mlegal](#), a national legal search firm, announced today that four industry professionals with partner recruitment experience have joined in the San Francisco Bay Area: Natasha Innocenti, Carter W. Brown, Suzanne Kane, and Karina Robles.

“My new colleagues are consummate professionals who know law firms inside and out and work at the highest level of professionalism and integrity,” said CEO Joe Macrae. “They are a fantastic fit for a legal recruiting firm known as a trailblazer because they’ve all exhibited that same quality throughout their careers. We expect that adding such significant talent to Mlegal will have an immediate and significant impact on the firm and our ability to dramatically expand our services to clients in the Bay Area and beyond.”

Founded by Macrae in 2001, Mlegal began by focusing on law firms based outside of San Francisco and Silicon Valley that were seeking to grow in the region. In 2015, the company embarked on an expansion plan at the urging of clients who wanted the firm’s unique expertise on a broader scale. Mlegal

added the East Coast team led by partner recruiter Brad Bruner, whose practice emphasized New York as well as other key markets on the East Coast and in Texas. Bruner, a former technology and corporate attorney at Orrick and Fenwick & West and senior in-house counsel at well-known technology companies, serves as Mlegal's Managing Partner, East Region.

In a release, the company said:

In addition to California and New York, the firm now has offices in Houston and Atlanta, and plans to launch in Washington and London.

Seth Zachary, Chairman of Paul Hastings, commented, "We have been very pleased with the deep market knowledge and insights Mlegal brings to the table. Mlegal's ability to articulate our message and to deliver the superb quality of candidate that we are seeking has been a valuable catalyst to our progress."

The new members of the Mlegal team include:

Natasha Innocenti, a legal search veteran and founder of Innocenti Partners, joins as Partner in San Francisco and Silicon Valley. Innocenti is widely recognized as one of the top partner recruiters in the San Francisco Bay Area, having led the Northern California partner practice at Major, Lindsey and Africa for eight years before launching her own firm. She has placed or assisted in placing more than 200 law firm partners in her 20-plus years in the business.

Carter W. Brown, a tested legal search executive with more than 30 years of experience, joins as Chief Business Officer. His experience includes 11 years as CEO of Major, Lindsey & Africa, as well as tenures at Coblenz Patch Duffy & Bass, Law Finance Group, and Richardson.

Suzanne Kane, an internal law firm recruitment leader for more than 20 years, joins as Managing Director. She has

helped vet, hire, and integrate more than 100 law firm partners. Kane served for 16 years as a Manager of Attorney Recruitment & Development at Latham & Watkins. Most recently, Suzanne was U.S. Legal Recruitment Director at Dentons, where she led the hiring of partners and others in the U.S. and other regions worldwide.

Karina Robles joins as Human Resources Administrator and San Francisco Office Manager. Her prior experience includes serving as Senior Administrator to the Northern California partner practice group at Major, Lindsey & Africa, as well as office management roles at several other prominent Bay Area organizations.

The new hires join veteran Mlegal Bay Area recruiters Martha Angell and Bridget McCarthy.

"I couldn't be more proud to join the masterful team Joe has assembled," commented Innocenti. "I've competed against Mlegal for years and am now excited to work alongside Joe and his amazing team on our common mission to redefine what excellence is in the legal search profession." Innocenti brings to Mlegal a special skill set in representing women partners, who comprise about 40% of her practice, as well as expertise in representing government lawyers.

Mlegal's enhanced presence in San Francisco continues the momentum created through other recent notable hires, including:

Catherine Raine Wilde, a former Baker Botts attorney and in-house attorney at GE Capital who went on to become a respected presence on the Houston legal recruiting scene for many years, helped found the Houston office as Managing Director.

Patty Morrissy, whose distinguished legal recruiting career includes high-level internal management positions at Paul Weiss and Sullivan & Cromwell, and serving as an Associate



Dean at Cardozo School of Law, joined the New York office as Managing Director.

Andrea SoRelle, a successful partner recruiter who previously worked with Houston-based Johnson Downie and Heidrick & Struggles, among others, joined the Houston office as Managing Director.

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## Corporate Partner Richard Kaye Joins Barnes & Thornburg's Atlanta Office

[Barnes & Thornburg LLP](#) has added [Richard Kaye](#) to its Atlanta office as a partner in the Corporate Department, where he works on domestic and international transactions.

In a news release, the firm said Kaye focuses on commercial and corporate law and represents multinational corporations, governmental entities, and emerging growth companies. He advises clients on domestic and cross-border M&A transactions, real estate, franchising construction, foreign investment, joint venture and partnering agreements, commercial contracts, and commercial and trade transactions, among other complex matters.

“Rich has a strong transactional practice in the U.S. and we can parlay his international experience when working with European and Asian clients with respect to their operations here,” said Stuart Johnson, managing partner of the firm’s Atlanta office. “He will nicely complement our corporate and

M&A capabilities in this market and across the country.”

Prior to joining Barnes & Thornburg, Kaye was a member at Sherman & Howard LLC. His arrival comes on the heels of Robert Lockwood, a partner in the Intellectual Property Department, who joined the Atlanta office earlier in the year.

Beyond his law practice, Kaye is a member of the Advisory Board of Metro Atlanta Chamber and a member of the Georgia Economic Developers Association. He is former chair of the American Bar Association’s International Commercial Transactions, Franchising and Distribution Committee.

Kaye earned his J.D. from Emory University School of Law and his B.A. from the State University of New York at Stony Brook and also studied at the University of Paris IV, Sorbonne. He is admitted to practice in the state of Georgia and before the Georgia Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals of Georgia, the U.S. District Court for the Northern and Middle Districts of Georgia and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.

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**Bradley Partner Paul Compton  
to be Nominated to Serve as**

# U.S. HUD General Counsel



President Donald J. Trump has nominated [Paul Compton](#), a partner in [Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP](#)'s Birmingham office, to serve as General Counsel of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The appointment is subject to Senate confirmation.

Compton currently serves as leader of the firm's Affordable Housing and Community Development practice.

"The firm congratulates Paul Compton on his expected nomination by the President to serve as the chief legal officer of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and counsel to its Secretary, Dr. Ben Carson," said Bradley Chairman of the Board and Managing Partner Beau Grenier. "We are tremendously proud of Paul, whose knowledge and experience in the areas of affordable housing, community development, and banking and financial services have earned him an outstanding reputation among his peers and clients."

The Office of General Counsel (OGC) of HUD provides legal opinions, advice and services with respect to all departmental programs and activities. The General Counsel also leads the department's efforts to enforce the Fair Housing Act and other civil rights and programmatic requirements. The OGC plays a vital role in helping HUD accomplish its mission of assuring decent and affordable housing, enabling all Americans to achieve homeownership, providing resources for communities to build strong neighborhoods, preventing homelessness, and enforcing fair housing laws.

In addition to his various Bradley practice leadership roles, Compton is a member of the firm's Banking & Financial Services group and is Chair of the firm's Finance Committee. He has experience in innovative commercial financing transactions,

particularly those involving tax credits (federal and state Low-Income Housing Tax Credit, historic, state industrial incentive, new markets, and work opportunity) and structured finance, and in the formation and sale of regulated financial institutions (banks, insurance companies and agencies, consumer finance companies, broker/dealers and community development entities).

Compton serves as counsel for the Alabama Bankers Association, Inc., counsel of record for the Alabama Consumer Finance Association, and as general counsel for the Alabama Affordable Housing Association. He earned his J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law and his Bachelor of Science (summa cum laude) from the University of Alabama. He also attended the London School of Economics and Political Science. He is a Truman Scholar.

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## [\*\*Akerman Adds Financial Litigator Brian Fraser in New York\*\*](#)

[\*\*Akerman LLP\*\*](#) announced the of partner Brian Fraser in the firm's New York office. Previously with Richards Kibbe & Orbe LLP, he joins Akerman's Litigation Practice Group and bolsters its national team of trial lawyers dedicated to clients in the financial services sector.

“Brian is a veteran trial lawyer with an impressive track record advising international and U.S. financial institutions in antitrust, securities and other complex litigation,” said Lawrence Rochefort, chair of Akerman’s Litigation Practice Group. “His practice further strengthens our work in the financial services sector nationwide.”

In a release, the firm said:

Fraser handles complex financial litigation with an emphasis in commodities, derivatives, securities, structured products, capital markets and inter-shareholder disputes. He represents industry-leading hedge funds, fund managers, institutional investors, insurers and investment banks. He also advises manufacturing and other commercial clients in antitrust and securities class action, corporate governance, and trade secret matters. He is recognized by Chambers USA in General Commercial Litigation, and he is consecutively ranked for his financial litigation work in Benchmark Litigation, The Legal 500 and New York Super Lawyers.

Fraser joins one of the fastest-growing law firms in New York. Lateral Link revealed Akerman had the third most lateral gains in the market last year, expanding the New York office to more than 100 lawyers and business professionals. Recent additions include partner and former general tax counsel for CBS Inc. Alvan L. Bobrow, transactional tax partner Sanford Davis from Withers Bergman LLP, bankruptcy partner John Campo from Troutman Sanders and real estate transactional partner Thomas Diorio from Nixon Peabody LLP.

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# Gardere Expands Financial Restructuring and Reorganization Practice in Dallas

Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP, an Am Law 200 firm, has bolstered its Financial Restructuring and Reorganization Practice with the addition of three attorneys. Frank J. Wright, C. Ashley Ellis and Erin C. McGee join the firm's Dallas office.

"We are pleased to continue our growth in 2017 with the addition of this talented group of lawyers," said Holland N. O'Neil, chair of Gardere's board of directors and a partner in the firm's financial restructuring and reorganization practice group. "Our Financial Restructuring and Reorganization Practice is one of the largest groups in the state of Texas and the addition of a well-respected and seasoned bankruptcy practitioner like Frank, along with his team, will further strengthen our depth and expertise in this practice area."

In a news release, the firm said:

Wright, who joins the firm as a partner, focuses his practice primarily on corporate restructurings and strategic planning. He has a comprehensive national practice that is predominantly devoted to insolvency, reorganization, mergers and acquisitions, and related areas, as well as extensive litigation in the bankruptcy court and other federal courts. Wright has been counsel for parties involved in all facets of the bankruptcy process, including debtors, creditors, landlords, creditors' committees, shareholders and third-party purchasers. He has represented a variety of public

companies and enterprises involved in diverse areas of business, including energy, real estate, transportation, manufacturing, healthcare and telecommunications.

Ellis joins the firm as a senior attorney. She represents corporate entities in complex reorganization proceedings and has participated in related cases nationwide. She has extensive experience negotiating and drafting plans of reorganization and corresponding disclosure statements in Chapter 11 cases. Ellis is well-versed in structuring informal workouts for troubled companies, and she has also engaged in significant litigation arising under the Bankruptcy Code.

McGee, who joins the firm as a staff attorney, focuses her practice on litigation and commercial bankruptcy. She has experience in complex litigation involving securities, antitrust and patent law. She also has prior work experience with the U.S. Small Business Administration in e-discovery and commercial real estate.

“Our team has a respected reputation for assisting businesses with every aspect of the restructuring process, and the breadth of these attorneys’ expertise will be a valuable asset to our clients,” said John P. Melko, head of the firm’s Financial Restructuring and Reorganization Practice. “Their credentials complement our practice and the quality of service we provide, and we are pleased to welcome them to the firm.”

Ranked annually in Chambers USA and U.S. News – Best Lawyers “Best Law Firms,” Gardere’s nationally recognized Financial Restructuring and Reorganization Practice Group helps businesses throughout the U.S. and Latin America across numerous industries. The team leads financially challenged businesses through every aspect of financial restructuring, reorganization or bankruptcy, and fights for the rights of creditors involved in challenging business disputes and

insolvencies – both in and out of the courtroom.

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## Freeborn & Peters Opens Tampa Office

[Freeborn & Peters LLP](#) has opened its first office in Florida, located in the Tampa City Center.

The firm's Tampa office will be led by two veteran attorneys, Lawrence "Larry" P. Ingram and Jessica Kirkwood Alley. The pair have experience in client advocacy, litigation, particularly in professional liability, third-party insurance coverage, qui tam, healthcare fraud and restrictive covenant disputes.

In a release, the firm said Freeborn's new location also helps to address increased demand for the firm's services in the Southeastern region of the United States, where Freeborn has existing clients. The firm also will seek to expand by assisting new clients, particularly in litigation, real estate and corporate transactions.

The release continues:

Larry Ingram joins Freeborn from Phelps Dunbar LLP where, as founder of that firm's Tampa office, he served as both Office Managing Partner and Regional Practice Coordinator. He concentrates his trial and counseling practice in professional liability, third-party insurance coverage, qui tam, healthcare fraud and restrictive covenant disputes. Mr.



Ingram joins Freeborn as a Partner of the firm and as the Tampa's office's Managing Partner.

"Freeborn and Peters has a superlative reputation across many areas of complex litigation. Jessica and I are glad to be joining such a strong team. We know, too, that we will be bringing our own unique strengths and experience to bear as part of the Freeborn network," Ingram said.

The other attorney joining the firm as a Partner is Jessica Kirkwood Alley, also formerly of Phelps Dunbar LLP. Ms. Alley concentrates her practice on complex commercial litigation and focuses in the areas of professional liability, qui tam defense and third-party insurance coverage litigation. Freeborn's dedication to putting clients first and its emphasis on living up to its core values attracted Alley to the firm.

"I am proud to be a founding partner of Freeborn's Tampa office, and I look forward to telling the story of the firm's success to clients in Tampa, across Florida and indeed the Southeast region of the U.S.," Alley said. "Freeborn has so much to offer, even beyond litigation. It has extensive experience in real estate development and investment, which is well-suited to Florida. Freeborn also has repeatedly demonstrated its capacity to support mid-sized corporations, particularly in M&A transactions, which is of increasing importance in a growing economy."

In addition to Ingram and Alley, Freeborn's Tampa office includes two associate attorneys, Jason P. Stearns and Robert A. Stines, as well as several professional staff members.

Freeborn's decision to grow its presence in the Southeast is part of a considered strategy of expansion, based on three factors: client demand, expanded capabilities and cultural fit. "Our clients are asking us to serve them in other parts

of the country, and the addition of an office in Florida will dramatically increase our capabilities in the Southeast,” said Michael J. Kelly, Freeborn’s Co-Managing Partner.

“We also are adding new leaders to our litigation practice who will further grow our capabilities in areas where clients are increasingly seeking our support. We know, too, that Larry, Jessica, and the other attorneys and staff who are joining us are committed to the core values of integrity, commitment, effectiveness, teamwork and caring that are so central to our culture. We expect great things to be made possible for our clients as a result,” Kelly said.

Freeborn now has offices in Chicago, Ill.; New York, NY; Richmond, Va.; Tampa, Fla.; and Springfield, Ill.

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## [\*\*Hogan Lovells Extends Commitment to LGBT Community with Global Pride+ Launch\*\*](#)

Hogan Lovells has launched a new global LGBT and allies network, Pride+, aimed at enhancing support for and commitment to LGBT+ individuals. The launch also marks support of the

International Day Against Homophobia, Bi-phobia and Transphobia.

In a release, the firm said Pride+ will expand upon a number of existing internal LGBT networks across the firm aimed at promoting LGBT inclusion, including in the UK, U.S., Continental Europe, Hong Kong, and Shanghai. Pride+ will further promote equality across all 23 countries in which Hogan Lovells operates, promoting a culture of acceptance and understanding at work, regardless of barriers outside the workplace.

The release continues:

Through Pride+ the firm aims to:

- Show global support for the LGBT+ community and to create an inclusive working culture
- Provide a safe environment for LGBT+ individuals to come out (should they wish to) and to speak openly
- Raise awareness of issues facing LGBT+ communities and people in different countries
- Effectively challenge preconceived notions and stereotypes and inappropriate behavior or language.

A key part of Pride+ is encouraging support from LGBT+ allies. Hogan Lovells recognizes the importance of allies to advancing LGBT+ equality and the Pride+ network will provide allies with the means to show their support through events, education, and by advertising their membership of the network internally.

The senior sponsor of the global Pride+ network is David Hudd, Hogan Lovells Deputy Chief Executive Officer. He is supported by fellow partners Mark W. Brennan (Washington D.C.), Sian Owles (London), and Allan Wardrop (Hong Kong), and Head of Legal Project Management, Continental Europe, Christine Siler (Paris).

Speaking on the launch of Pride+, David Hudd commented:

“I am proud that we have chosen today to launch our global LGBT and allies network, Pride+. For Hogan Lovells to thrive professionally, it’s essential to create a safe, inclusive, and supportive environment where our people can bring all of who they are to work. In this diverse world, we all need advocates and allies. This initiative will create a visible network of support for our LGBT+ people – no matter where they are.”

Hogan Lovells has long been one of the most progressive legal firms with regards to tackling LGBT+ matters and creating an inclusive working environment. The firm has achieved regular recognition for its work in LGBT+ advancement, including pro bono work.

Earlier this year, the firm was included in the Top 20 of the Stonewall Workplace Equality Index for the first time, having ranked consistently in the top 50 for several years. This followed being recognised for the eighth time by the Human Rights Campaign with a 100% Corporate Equality Index rating and named a best place to work for LGBT equality in December 2016 in the U.S.

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[\*\*Texas Bankruptcy Law Firm\*\*](#)

# Forshey Prostok Beefs Up Attorney Ranks

The complex bankruptcy and restructuring law firm [Forshey Prostok](#) announces the promotion of three attorneys and the addition of two lawyers to its Dallas/Fort Worth offices.

“This is an important milestone for the firm, and great news for the companies we represent on the bankruptcy and workout side,” said Jeff Prostok, a founding partner at Forshey Prostok. “These dedicated lawyers represent the best in the business, and we’re glad to have their level of expertise on our team.”

**Suzanne K. “Suki” Rosen** has been promoted to partner. She has extensive experience litigating complex commercial disputes, including avoidance actions and other business bankruptcy matters. Throughout her 20-year career, Ms. Rosen has helped clients substantially reduce outstanding bankruptcy claims, smoothing the reorganization process and providing higher recovery to creditors.

**Matthew G. Maben** also has been promoted to partner. His practice includes bankruptcy, business reorganizations and creditor’s rights. He also counsels debtors, creditors and trustees in restructuring and liquidation matters. He has been recognized three times among the “Leaders in their Field” in the prestigious Chambers USA legal guide.

**Lynda L. Lankford**, with more than 25 years’ experience in bankruptcy litigation, business reorganizations and creditor rights, has been promoted to of counsel. A former auditor who is Board Certified in Business Bankruptcy Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization, she is uniquely positioned to provide key financial insights to the firm’s clients.

**Matthias Kleinsasser** joins Forshey & Prostok as a partner from

Kelly Hart. He has extensive experience in bankruptcy litigation, as well as general business litigation in federal and state court. He began his legal career with a bankruptcy court clerkship, after which he practiced in the bankruptcy section of Weil, Gotshal & Manges.

**Laurie Dahl Rea** joins as of counsel. Her career includes two federal judicial clerkships, as well as extensive experience representing debtors and creditors in large reorganizations and liquidations. Immediately prior to joining Forshey Prostok, Ms. Rea served as the career law clerk to the Honorable Russell F. Nelms.

**Forshey Prostok** provides extensive experience in all areas of bankruptcy law. The firm's scope of representation includes handling complex business reorganizations, enforcing of creditor's rights, leading commercial and bankruptcy-related litigation, overseeing creditors' committees, directing workouts, and closing bankruptcy acquisitions. Forshey Prostok is ranked by the Chambers USA legal guide and is home to lawyers who are AV-rated by Martindale-Hubbell.