

Former Health and Human Services Deputy GC Joins Hogan Lovells

Hogan Lovells announced that David Horowitz, the former Deputy General Counsel of the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) who also spent 18 years with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as a lawyer and in senior management, has joined the firm as a partner.

“Over the course of his 25 year career at HHS and FDA, David has earned a sterling reputation within the industry,” said Alice Valder Curran, Head of Hogan Lovells’ Government Regulatory Practice Group. “His first-hand knowledge of both organizations, coupled with his in-depth knowledge of the law, will provide invaluable insight to our clients.”

In a release, the firm said:

As Deputy General Counsel at HHS over the past seven years, Horowitz oversaw and coordinated legal services in support of FDA, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the National Institutes of Health (NIH), as well as for international and emergency preparedness programs. He oversaw more than 200 lawyers in the Office of General Counsel (OGC), and provided counsel to the HHS Secretary, as well as senior HHS, FDA, and White House officials. His primary focus as Deputy General Counsel was on FDA regulatory policy and litigation. He worked daily with the FDA Chief Counsel, participating directly in drafting regulations and guidance documents, and contributing to numerous appellate and Supreme Court briefs.

“Our strategic objectives include enhancing our policy advocacy capabilities and continuing to expand our compliance and enforcement practice,” said Philip Katz,

chair of the firm's Pharmaceuticals and Biotechnology Practice. "David is a key addition in that regard. Over the course of his long and distinguished career, David has developed not only substantial expertise in FDA law and policy, but also a deep understanding of the institutions, processes and cultures that influence how regulatory policy and compliance decisions are developed and implemented across all levels of government. We're thrilled to have him join the team."

Horowitz's service at FDA began in the Office of Chief Counsel (OCC), where he first litigated a variety of pharmaceutical regulatory matters, and then counseled officials in the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER). Horowitz moved from OCC to serve in several senior executive policy roles at FDA, including Assistant Commissioner for Policy, Assistant Commissioner for Compliance Policy, and Director of the CDER Office of Compliance. As head of drug compliance, he played a significant leadership role in major initiatives, including the modernization of the FDA's approach to pharmaceutical manufacturing quality, and the agency's efforts to develop and implement a more scientific, risk-based approach to inspection and enforcement.

"Resource constraints, a leaner government and increased deregulatory pressures will bring many changes to the FDA over the next several years," added David Fox, a leader of the firm's Global Life Sciences Industry Sector Team. "David will be instrumental in helping our clients anticipate and navigate these changes, and participate in the policy-making process."

"The world-class regulatory practice at Hogan Lovells is an ideal platform from which to make the most of my decades of legal and policy experience at HHS and FDA," said Horowitz. "I'm excited to join an extraordinarily talented and collegial group of lawyers, including many former colleagues

from HHS and FDA,” Horowitz added.

Horowitz earned his J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law, and A.B. magna cum laude from Brown University.

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[**Akerman Labor & Employment Partners in New York, Denver, Miami, and DC**](#)

Akerman LLP has expanded its Labor & Employment Practice Group with partners Angela Hart-Edwards in Washington, D.C., Colin Barnacle in Denver, Denise Gavica Perez in Miami and Rory McEvoy in New York. They work with employers in the healthcare, hospitality and restaurant sectors, among others, the firm said in a release.

“Angela, Colin, Denise and Rory are exceptional lawyers who bolster Akerman’s national strengths in employment litigation and compliance,” said Eric Gordon, chair of Akerman’s Labor & Employment Practice Group. “Employers today are faced with a new set of uncertainties brought on by significant shifts in U.S. employment and immigration policies. The expansion of our team in New York, Denver, Miami and Washington, D.C., advances our ability to problem-solve on the ground with our clients while serving their interests nationally.”

The release continues:

Angela Hart-Edwards

Hart-Edwards is a former Trial Attorney for the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) and the Department of Justice Civil Rights Division. She also served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia. She focuses her practice in the areas of employment and civil rights law, government investigations and corporate compliance, and federal sector EEO employment law. With more than 20 years of experience as a trial lawyer, Hart-Edwards represents corporations and their executives in labor and employment related litigation, class/collective actions, agency proceedings, arbitrations and mediations and investigations. She also provides EEO services and defensive federal sector employment litigation services to agencies.

Hart-Edwards regularly advises management on litigation avoidance, negotiates and prepares employment and related agreements, provides human resource and EEO regulatory compliance counseling and training, and serves as corporate diversity counselor. Her clients represent a diverse range of industries including manufacturing, logistics, utilities, higher education institutions, technology, nonprofit, government, healthcare, staffing, retail, and hospitality. She also serves as General Counsel to the Commissioners of the Maryland Commission on Civil Rights and as an advisor to The Council for Federal EEO and Civil Rights Executives.

Colin Barnacle

Barnacle focuses his practice on labor and employment litigation, compliance counseling, corporate governance counseling and investigations, and non-compete and trade secret enforcement. He regularly advises and defends clients in response to the EEOC and the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP), including systemic discrimination investigations and related class actions. He has represented employers in all aspects of employment law before state and

federal agencies and courts, including wage and hour collective/class actions under the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), Title VII discrimination and sexual harassment, as well as actions under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), and state workers compensation laws. He is also experienced in Older Workers Benefit Protection Act (OWBPA) compliance, Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act (WARN) compliance during mass layoffs, and employee-related issues surrounding corporate transactions. Barnacle represents food companies throughout the supply chain, including growers/shippers, manufacturers, distributors, retailers and food service businesses.

Barnacle brings years of in-house legal experience having served as Division General Counsel for Americas Fresh Foods, The WhiteWave Foods Company (NYSE: WWAV), a leading consumer packaged food and beverage company, and as Assistant General Counsel for The Gates Corporation, a global diversified manufacturer of industrial and automotive products.

Denise Gavica Perez

Gavica Perez focuses her practice on corporate immigration matters, with a strong emphasis in the healthcare sector. She routinely counsels hospitals seeking to obtain non-immigrant and immigrant visas for employees including physicians, nurses, residents, pharmacists, fellows, medical technologists, as well as staffing agencies tasked with recruiting healthcare professionals. She also has 18 years of practice representing companies within the financial services, technology, sports and entertainment, hospitality, higher-education, construction and engineering sectors.

Gavica Perez regularly provides legal counsel to entrepreneurs and high-net-worth individuals regarding investment-based immigration, including the EB-5 Immigrant Investor Program, and she advises clients on the full range of immigrant visas, labor certifications, and U.S. citizenship matters. She has experience managing the immigration compliance programs for

multinational corporations and institutions engaged in a wide range of activities and industries, including financial services, technology, sports and entertainment, higher-education, construction and engineering. She also has represented companies in connection with Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Form I-9 (Employment Eligibility Verification) audits, and Department of Labor/Wage and Hour Division immigration-related investigations.

Rory McEvoy

McEvoy focuses his practice on labor and employment matters, including litigation in federal and state courts and agencies. He routinely handles matters involving collective bargaining, arbitrations, unfair labor practices and union representation proceedings before the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB). He also represents clients in all aspects of the employment relationship, including non-compete litigation, breach of employment contracts, wage and hour matters and defamation.

McEvoy represents many of New York's large hospitals and healthcare systems. He also represents clients in other sectors, including financial services, philanthropic religious organizations, technology and educational institutions, among others.

Akerman has welcomed 17 lawyers to its Labor & Employment Practice Group in less than 15 months, expanding nationally with additions in Chicago, Denver, Los Angeles, Miami, New York, Orlando and Washington, D.C. Other notable arrivals include Immigration Planning & Compliance Practice Chair Maria Casablanca in Miami; employment litigators Bran Noonan and Sarir Silver in New York, Lillian Chaves Moon in Orlando and Rachel Schumacher in Los Angeles.

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DLA Piper Adds Ying Genève DuBois to Real Estate Practice in Miami

DLA Piper announced that Ying Genève DuBois has joined the firm's Real Estate practice as a partner in the Miami office.

DuBois focuses her practice primarily on representing US and global investors in their US real estate investments. She has experience in complex transactional matters, particularly in regard to investors from China and other Asia-Pacific countries.

In a release, the firm said:

"There has been a large increase in the amount of foreign capital investing in real estate in the United States over the past decade – and it appears that will continue for the foreseeable future," said John Sullivan, US chair of DLA Piper's Real Estate practice. "The international focus of Genève's practice, and her track record of successful cross-border transactional work, make her a perfect fit for our global real estate platform."

DuBois is fluent in multiple languages, including Mandarin and Cantonese. Her background and connections in China and Hong Kong and her deep understanding of the cultural differences between the US and China enables her to provide clients valuable counsel and insight. She has also been instrumental in bringing Chinese investors to South Florida

and facilitating introductions with developers throughout Latin America. DuBois is also one of the founders of the China Council Florida, Inc., a not-for-profit organization with the purpose of drawing Chinese investors to the Florida marketplace.

“Genève clearly has an impressive track record in Asia, but her strong work in Latin America is an added benefit for our office, as Miami is increasingly a gateway for international capital coming into the US,” said Joshua Kaye, managing partner of DLA Piper’s Miami office. “Genève has a well-established ability to cultivate relationships and connect with people, which will fit in well with our office and DLA Piper’s global platform.”

Prior to joining DLA Piper, DuBois was a partner with Holland & Knight LLP. She received her J.D., cum laude, from the Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law and earned her B.B.A., summa cum laude, from Texas Christian University.

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[**Sidley Adds M&A Partner Daniel Serota in New York**](#)

Sidley Austin LLP announced that Daniel Serota has joined the firm as a partner in its New York office. He will be a member

of Sidley's M&A practice.

In a release, the firm said Serota concentrates his practice on mergers and acquisitions representing companies across several industries, with a particular emphasis on technology, media and telecommunications, financial institutions, hospitality and retail. He has experience advising businesses on a wide variety of matters, including complex auctions, mergers, stock and asset purchases, hostile offers, joint ventures, proxy contests, and transactions in bankruptcy or with distressed entities. Serota has also worked with prominent private equity funds focused on the technology and healthcare sectors.

"Daniel's arrival marks the continuation of our ongoing efforts to expand Sidley's global M&A and private equity offerings, and we are delighted to welcome him to the firm," said Michael Schmidtberger, managing partner of Sidley's New York office. "His extensive experience with high-stakes transactions complements that of our talented team focused on counseling clients in public and private M&A and private equity transactions of all sizes."

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[**WB Mills, PLLC, Adds New**](#)

Attorney

[WB Mills, PLLC](#) has added [Read H. Reily](#), associate attorney, and [Cindy Moss](#), paralegal, to the firm's North Dallas office.

In a release, the firm said Reily is a litigator representing a diverse set of business clients with trademark, copyright and business litigation matters. He graduated from Louisiana State University with a B.A. in History, and from Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center with a Juris Doctor and graduate diploma in Comparative Law. He was admitted to the Texas State Bar in 2012 and is admitted to practice in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas.

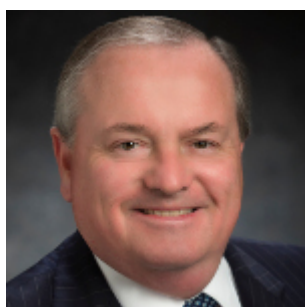
Reily was born in Dallas and raised in Texas.

Cindy Moss is a paralegal student at El Centro College and will graduate from the program this year. She has a paralegal certificate from the University of North Texas Professional Development Institute and is a member of the Dallas Area Paralegal Association and The Paralegal Division of the State Bar of Texas. She and her husband moved to the Dallas area from Austin in 2015. She has a Bachelor's Degree in English Literature from Southwest Texas State University (now known as Texas State University – San Marcos). She is originally from Lake Jackson, Texas.

"The addition of Read and Cindy will bolster the firm's commitment to provide personalized service for our clients," said Wendy B. Mills, Managing Attorney for WB Mills, PLLC.

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Veteran Houston Energy Trial Lawyer Paul Mitchell Joins Hicks Thomas



Trial lawyer [Paul L. Mitchell](#) has joined Houston-based litigation boutique [Hicks Thomas LLP](#).

Mitchell, who joined the firm July 1 as a partner, has experience with energy clients from the super-majors to smaller independents, the firm said in a news release. He also has experience advising companies involved in government investigations and in navigating issues raised by the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act.

The release continues:

His move reunites him with longtime friend, Hicks Thomas co-founder John B. Thomas. The two clerked together at the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in 1986-87.

“It only took us 30 years,” Thomas said. “Paul is a true trial lawyer and we are delighted that he has joined the team. Our clients know that having an attorney who knows how to try a case means they have more strength at the bargaining table.”

Mitchell has spent the last nine years of his career as a partner in the Litigation Section of Andrews Kurth Kenyon LLP. But he got his start at another Texas legal powerhouse,

Baker Botts LLP, where he was a partner in the Trial Department.

“Hicks Thomas is the ideal spot for me. John is an exceptional lawyer, and over the years, I’ve even tried cases against other lawyers at the firm. I’ve seen firsthand the quality of the Hicks Thomas team,” Mitchell said. “I’m excited to be working at a firm that is capable of trying big cases, while remaining very nimble in responding to the evolving needs of our clients.”

Mitchell has prosecuted and defended cases involving oil and gas disputes, copyright litigation, breach of contract, fraud, and breach of fiduciary duty. He also has advised companies under regulatory scrutiny.

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[Munck Wilson Mandala Adds 7 New IP Attorneys](#)



Texas law firm Munck Wilson Mandala [has added](#) seven intellectual property lawyers to the firm. The seven formerly were with Howison & Arnott.

“As one of the largest IP practices in the Southwest, Munck Wilson Mandala now has 27 registered patent attorneys, 60 plus

attorneys firm-wide, and over 500 years of technical and IP law experience,” the firm says on its website.

The seven include:

- Gregory M. Howison, partner
- John J. Arnott, partner
- Brian D. Walker, partner
- Andrew C. Graham, senior counsel
- Edward I. Jorgenson, senior counsel
- Steven R. Greenfield, senior counsel
- Keith D. Harden, associate

[Read more about the lawyers.](#)

[Corporate Partner Rob Carlson Joins Sidley in Palo Alto](#)

[Sidley Austin LLP](#) announced that [Rob Carlson](#) has joined the firm as a partner in its Palo Alto office. He will be a member of Sidley’s M&A practice.

Carlson focuses his practice on advising corporations on an array of corporate matters, including mergers and acquisitions, public and private securities offerings and joint ventures, the firm said in a news release. He also counsels private equity clients on fund formation and the acquisition and disposition of portfolio companies.

Additionally, Carlson advises boards of directors on corporate governance matters. His experience spans multiple industries, among them technology and life sciences.

“Rob’s experience advising sophisticated clients in a broad range of corporate matters will make him a great addition to our Silicon Valley team and a sought-after resource for clients in the technology and life sciences sectors, in particular,” said Martin Wellington, managing partner of Sidley’s Palo Alto office. “We are delighted to welcome him to the firm.”

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[**Litigator Jaikaran Singh Joins Foley & Lardner**](#)

[Foley & Lardner LLP](#) announced that Jaikaran (Jai) Singh has joined the firm’s Consumer Law, Finance & Class Action Practice as a partner in the San Diego office.

In a release, the firm said Singh’s national practice focuses on high-stakes business and commercial litigation and consumer class action defense, including multi-district litigation, primarily in the retail, food and beverage, multifamily housing, healthcare, manufacturing and financial industry sectors. He has significant experience defending class action claims brought under California’s unfair competition and false advertising laws, including claims for product mislabeling and

false pricing; and class claims for violation of the Consumer Legal Remedies Act, the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, the Song-Beverly Credit Card Act and the Song-Beverly Consumer Warranty Act, among other state and federal statutes.

“Jai is one of the leading class action litigators in California and his broad base of deep experience and substantive knowledge of class actions significantly strengthens our national litigation team,” said Jay Varon, chair of Foley’s Consumer Law, Finance & Class Action Practice. “He has a strong record of delivering positive results and bringing a practical, common sense approach to resolving complex problems that considers the client’s business needs.”

Singh is a frequent speaker on issues relating to case management, e-discovery, class action litigation and California’s consumer protection laws. He is active in several professional and civic organizations and serves on the board of the San Diego County Bar Foundation and on the board of governors of the Association of Business Trial Lawyers.

“I am thrilled to join Foley’s talented, national litigation practice,” said Singh. “I was attracted to Foley because of its excellent reputation, its emphasis on providing exceptional client service and because of the firm’s long, rich history and tradition that goes back 175 years.”

San Diego Managing Partner Paul Hunter added: “We’re excited to bring Jai aboard, as he’s renowned for helping clients across the country with their business practices and compliance with California’s stringent consumer protection laws.”

Prior to joining Foley, Singh was a partner at Dentons US LLP.

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LexisNexis Launches Lexis Answers, Bringing AI Capabilities to Legal Research Platform

LexisNexis Legal & Professional has launched Lexis Answers, a new artificial intelligence (A.I.) enhancement within its flagship Lexis Advance offering, the company announced.

“Using powerful machine learning, cognitive computing and advanced natural language processing technologies, Lexis Answers transforms legal research by understanding the user’s natural language question and delivering the clearest, most concise and authoritative answer, in addition to finely tuned, comprehensive search results,” the company said in a news release.

The release continues:

Unlike traditional search approaches, which require users to translate their query into key words or use Boolean syntax, the Lexis Answers service allows users to enter their query in the form of a natural language question. With the input of a couple of words, the Lexis Answers service can begin anticipating and recommending Suggested Questions to the user. After analyzing millions of annotated legal documents and other content, Lexis Answers delivers the single best

possible answer via a Lexis Answer Card. Each Lexis Answer Card links directly to the specific text within the document—rather than just the document itself—significantly speeding up the research process for common legal questions.

“Lexis Answers represents a paradigm shift in legal research. By delivering specific and actionable answers at the top of their search results, we’re saving users effort previously spent analyzing pages of search results and legal documents—enhancing their workflow and empowering them to get more done in less time,” said Sean Fitzpatrick, Managing Director of North American Research Solutions at LexisNexis. “Whether users need answers to common legal questions or they seek deeper insights into more complex queries, Lexis Answers makes it easier and faster to get the specific information they seek.”

Advancing more accurate and complete research, this new A.I. capability suggests related topics that help users logically and intuitively expand their search. It also delivers more comprehensive “traditional” search results tailored to the user’s question and can be further refined using robust filtering options. All of the words within the search question, and added equivalents, are highlighted within the search results and full-text results documents—making it easier for users to find information and determine relevance.

“Today’s announcement of Lexis Answers showcases the significant investments LexisNexis has made in pursuing advanced technologies that transform legal research to better meet the needs of the data-driven lawyer,” said Jeff Pfeifer, vice president of Product Management at LexisNexis. “And our work with Lexis Answers is just beginning. Over time we plan to refine and build this technology out to make it more sophisticated, more inclusive and smarter—delivering a service that actually learns from our users in order to surface the answers they need, save them time and provide

even greater actionable insights.”

A.I. technologies have been an important part of the LexisNexis product portfolio for many years. In 1990, LexisNexis pioneered the use of machine learning, and in 1993, launched its first data visualization application—decades before the mainstream use of these technologies. Since these initial forays, LexisNexis has been actively pursuing natural language processing, text-mining, machine learning and other advanced capabilities to deliver state-of-the-art technology to customers and advance legal research into the future. A.I.-enhanced products from LexisNexis include Lexis Advance, Lexis® Litigation Profile Suite, LexisNexis MedMal Navigator®, the Lex Machina® Legal Analytics® platform, Ravel Law and Intelligize®.

Lexis Answers was developed by a team of experts at the LexisNexis Raleigh Technology Center. LexisNexis created its Raleigh, NC based cognitive computing center of excellence in 2015. This group is dedicated to developing artificial intelligence solutions for data-driven lawyers. A team of data scientists, computational linguists, advanced engineering and product management professionals will develop a series of A.I.-powered solutions releasing throughout 2017 and beyond.

Lexis Answers is now available to Lexis Advance subscribers at no additional cost.

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Michael Best Names Eight Attorneys to Partnership

Michael Best & Friedrich LLP announced eight attorneys have been promoted to the firm's partnership. The new partners are Michael D. Bess, Benjamin E. Evans, Benjamin T. Johnson, Laura M. Konkel, Michelle E. Kouba, Paulette M. Mara, Justin M. Mertz, and David J. Trautschold.

Michael D. Bess (Chicago) is a member of the Litigation Practice Group serving as a strategic counselor in complex commercial and criminal cases. Bess has significant drafting expertise and has proved instrumental in securing case dismissals, defeating class certifications, and preserving or reversing judgments on appeal. Bess's experience spans a wide variety of fields, including securities and consumer fraud class actions, product liability, employment discrimination, white collar, criminal, civil rights, environmental, False Claims Act investigations, and state common law actions.

Benjamin E. Evans (Madison) is a member of the Intellectual Property Practice Group whose practice focuses on preparing, filing, and prosecuting U.S. and international patent applications in the mechanical arts field. Evans provides a broad array of IP legal advice, including reviewing patentability and clearance searches, conducting due diligence and infringement analyses, attacking competing patents and defending clients' patents through inter partes reviews and ex parte reexaminations, and responding to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office actions.

Benjamin T. Johnson (Chicago) practices in the Labor & Employment Relations Practice Group and defends employers against employment discrimination claims. Johnson has particular experience defending against Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) claims and counseling on ADA issues

such as reasonable accommodation and service animal requests. He also advises on wage and hour matters, including auditing employee classifications to minimize potential employer liability, and defends clients against class action litigation. An experienced litigator, Johnson handles claims under Title VII, the ADA, Age Discrimination in Employment Act, Fair Labor Standards Act, Family and Medical Leave Act, and related state and local laws.

Laura M. Konkel (Madison) is a member of the firm's Intellectual Property Practice Group and handles all aspects of trademark and copyright prosecution and enforcement. Konkel counsels clients on trademark selection and protection issues in the U.S. and internationally, including clearance, prosecution, maintenance, licensing, due diligence, and enforcement, including opposition, cancellation and infringement proceedings before the U.S. Trademark Trial and Appeal Board and global courts and trademark offices.

Michelle E. Kouba (Chicago) is a member of the Intellectual Property Practice Group handling all aspects of U.S. and international trademark law. Kouba helps clients build and protect their IP portfolios while providing actionable advice on brand management. She focuses her practice on clearance, prosecution, and enforcement matters and has experience handling proceedings before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board and coordinating foreign trademark enforcement and litigation for clients based in the U.S. and around the world. Kouba also has assisted clients protect their proprietary rights on the Internet including matters involving domain-name disputes.

Paulette M. Mara (Washington, D.C.) is a member of the firm's Transactional Practice Group and Life Sciences Industry Group. She is experienced in representing pharmaceutical, medical device, biotech, and healthcare companies in regulatory, transactional, and litigation matters. Mara is known for bringing a strategic and practical approach to her work within

the life sciences, agribusiness, and financial services industries, with a focus on FDA regulatory matters, research and development, intellectual property licensing, co-development and co-promotion strategic alliances, privacy, compliance, litigation, and product protection.

Justin M. Mertz (Milwaukee) is a member of the Corporate & Transactional Practice Group providing strategic counseling to businesses on bankruptcy, commercial loan negotiation, and real estate. Mertz negotiates and drafts complex contracts, especially in the area of commercial and residential real estate, and performs the financial and cash flow analyses that inform successful business strategies and decisions. He also represents clients in general litigation matters, including non-compete agreements, real estate developments, condominium disputes, and tax liabilities for distressed companies. His extensive courtroom experience comprises cases on both federal and state levels.

David J. Trautschold (Milwaukee) practices in the Intellectual Property Practice Group and helps clients obtain patents and manage their intellectual property portfolios. Trautschold has a biomechanical engineering background and has deep experience with consumer products. He has experience drafting utility and design patent applications, prosecuting patent applications to allowance, conducting right-to-use and patentability searches, analyzing patents for validity, developing global patent filing strategies, enforcing IP rights against competitors, and defending clients from infringement allegations through non-infringement positions and post-grant proceedings.

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Blank Rome Welcomes White Collar Defense & Investigations Partner in Philadelphia

Blank Rome LLP announced that Mark M. Lee has joined the firm as a partner in the white collar Defense & investigations practice in the Philadelphia office. He joins from Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP where he was chair of the firm's white collar defense and corporate investigations practice group.

In a news release, the firm said:

Formerly an Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) for the District of Delaware, Lee has a traditional white collar defense practice, counseling his clients on everything from pre-indictment negotiations to plea negotiations and trials. He assists both private and public sector entities in internal investigations, and offers them compliance counseling. Mr. Lee regularly acts as an interface between his clients—both businesses and individuals—and the government agencies with which they come into contact.

“We are very excited to welcome Mark to the Firm,” said Alan J. Hoffman, Chairman and Managing Partner. “Mark has built a highly regarded practice and he is well-respected in the legal and business communities. Several of us at Blank Rome have known Mark for a number of years and I’m confident that his approachability and eagerness to collaborate across practices will further enhance our white collar group.”

As an AUSA, Mr. Lee organized and directed complex investigations. He has managed federal grand jury investigations and white collar criminal prosecutions in a wide variety of matters, including money laundering, public corruption, tax evasion, financial institution and mortgage fraud, and theft of identity, ERISA, and government funds. He has tried cases before the United States District Court for the District of Delaware and the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and has successfully filed nine appellate briefs before the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. Notably, Mr. Lee recently defended a sitting U.S. congressman on multiple criminal charges, such as RICO, bank fraud, wire fraud, bribery, obstruction of justice, and money laundering.

Additionally, Mr. Lee has directed several federal investigations involving various technologies, including peer-to-peer software applications, social networking websites, and wireless and mobile networks and devices. His background also includes digital and computer forensic investigations.

“At his core, Mark is a problem solver,” said Shawn M. Wright, Co-Chair of the White Collar Defense & Investigations practice. “Whether at trial or in negotiations, Mark is a relentless advocate for clients, consulting with the respective agency or prosecutorial authority and resolving compliance issues under government scrutiny. Our group and our clients will undoubtedly benefit from Mark’s experience and perspective. We’re thrilled to have him on the team.”

In addition to his white collar practice, Mr. Lee also advises clients on matters concerning cybersecurity and data privacy, including assessments of policies and procedures, data breach preparation, and breach response and remediation.

“Blank Rome’s white collar defense & investigations practice group has a deep bench of exceptional attorneys,” said Mr. Lee. “I look forward to collaborating with attorneys across the Firm’s practices and offices to service my existing clients and strategically expand my practice. This is a perfect fit.”

Outside of his legal practice, Mr. Lee is a mentor to the youth in his community and serves on the Board of Directors of the National Black Child Development Institute. Mr. Lee’s pro bono and community investment activities center on education. For example, during his time as an AUSA, Mr. Lee coached a high school mock trial team in Delaware.

Mr. Lee earned his J.D. from Temple University Beasley School of Law, and his B.A. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

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[Michigan Employment Attorney Andrey Tomkiw Joins Dinsmore in Detroit](#)

[Andrey Tomkiw](#), former managing member of Michigan business boutique law firm Tomkiw Mackewich, plc., has joined [Dinsmore](#) as a labor & employment partner.

In a news release, the firm said Tomkiw counsels business

owners on a range of issues including litigation avoidance, general corporate matters, and sophisticated employee relations. He has represented business owners in front of numerous state and federal agencies, including the EEOC, NLRB, MDCR, UIA, MIOSHA, MERC, OFCCP and the DoL. He's highly skilled in developing and implementing litigation avoidance strategies, and he's a staunch client advocate when matters go to trial.

Tomkiw is an active member of the local business and legal community, recognized as a top attorney in the state of Michigan for eight consecutive years and holds an AVVO 10/10 Superb Rating.

"I spoke with several firms, but Dinsmore seemed to be the best fit. The addition of my practice gives our firm increased visibility and opportunities to better serve [Michigan] clients," Tomkiw said.

Tomkiw assures his current clients they can expect the same level of counsel, attention to detail and value at Dinsmore that he has provided in the past and he looks forward to continue serving their future legal needs.

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[**Miller & Chevalier Elects New**](#)

Leadership

Miller & Chevalier Chartered announced that the firm's members elected Marc J. Gerson, member and vice chair of the Tax Department, as chair of the firm effective July 1, 2017. Gerson will assume the role following the lengthy and venerable tenure of current Chair Anthony F. Shelley, who steps down after 10 years of service on the Executive Committee, including almost six years as chair.

"Marc is an incredibly talented, thoughtful lawyer who has served in a number of leadership roles in his career, and he is an excellent choice to lead Miller & Chevalier as the firm closes in on its 100th anniversary in 2020," Shelley said. "I have great confidence in Marc's dedication to and vision for the firm, and know he will continue to build on our past accomplishments as he leads us into the future."

In a release, the firm said:

Gerson was an Associate at Miller & Chevalier starting in 1995 and rejoined the firm in 2007 after serving as Majority Tax Counsel to the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Ways and Means. In that role, he acted as the staff liaison to Committee on Ways and Means members, the U.S. Senate Committee on Finance, the Joint Committee on Taxation, and the U.S. Department of the Treasury, and served as counsel on all major tax legislation enacted in the 109th Congress. At Miller & Chevalier, he has served as Chair of the Lawyer Development Committee and as a member of both the Compensation and Nominating Committees, in addition to his current position as Vice Chair of the Tax Department.

"My fellow Members and I appreciate Tony's diligent and successful stewardship of the firm over the past several years," Gerson said, "and I am honored to be selected to serve as the next Chair of Miller & Chevalier's Executive

Committee.”

Shelley, who joined the firm in 1987, is the firm’s third-longest serving Chair after firm founder Robert N. Miller and esteemed Tax Member David W. Richmond. “It was one of the highlights of my career to serve as Chair of Miller & Chevalier,” he said. “I’ve had the wonderful privilege of leading the firm during a period that saw us welcome a number of new Members and enjoy great successes on behalf of our clients.” He also oversaw Miller & Chevalier’s March 2016 move into a new, trophy-class office building at 900 Sixteenth Street, NW, in the heart of Washington’s central business district.

In addition to Gerson, the firm’s Executive Committee will include Vice Chair Maria O’Toole Jones, Tax Department Chair George A. Hani, Litigation Department Chair Andrew T. Wise, International Department Chair Kathryn Cameron Atkinson, Employee Benefits Department Chair Theresa S. Gee, and At-Large Member Adam P. Feinberg.

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[**Former White House Counsel
Jack Quinn Joins Manatt in**](#)

Washington

Manatt, Phelps & Phillips LLP announced that Jack Quinn has joined the firm's Washington, D.C., office as a partner in the litigation group and as chair of the firm's federal regulatory and government practice.

"Jack is a tremendous addition," said William T. Quicksilver, Manatt's chief executive officer and managing partner. "His experience both in and out of government adds a further dimension to our strong national practices, serving clients who face major crises that may involve litigation, regulatory, public policy or legislative elements. Companies and individuals under government scrutiny at all levels will benefit from his exceptional legal and crisis management counsel. Jack has honed truly extraordinary skills at the intersection of law, public policy, politics and communications, and his professionalism has earned him a great reputation and great relationships across partisan political divides."

In a news release, the firm said:

Immediately before joining Manatt, Quinn chaired Quinn Gillespie & Associates, a bipartisan public affairs firm he co-founded in 2000 to provide government relations and strategic communication services. His clients spanned the high tech, financial services and insurance, telecommunications, industrial and healthcare fields. In recent years, he also practiced law as a solo practitioner and served as co-counsel in major mass tort litigation.

"Jack is a Washington legend," said Douglas Boggs, Manatt's D.C. office administrative partner. "A definitive Capitol insider, he knows the executive and legislative realms from the inside out. When trouble strikes, Jack is who you want to help navigate the regulatory and political shoals inside

the Beltway. We are thrilled to welcome him to Manatt.”

Quinn added, “I have long been an admirer of Manatt’s unique approach – bringing top-tier lawyering, notably in the litigation group, together with astute business consulting and strategic advocacy. This seamless combination of disciplines mirrors my own career to this point, and allows the firm to provide particularly creative, highly effective solutions for clients. The energy and engagement here are infectious, and I look forward to working with this talented team.”

Quinn’s government service includes serving as counsel to the president of the United States. In that role, he advised President Bill Clinton and senior White House staff on the legal aspects of policy proposals, legislation, and certain classified and unclassified executive actions, as well as on investigations undertaken by both independent counsel and congressional committees. At the time of his appointment as White House counsel, Quinn was chief of staff and counselor to Vice President Al Gore.

Quinn practiced law at an Am Law 100 firm for more than 20 years. Early in his career, he worked on Capitol Hill, serving on staff for the U.S. Senate Select Committee on Nutrition and Human Needs and for a member of the Senate Finance Committee.

He has served on the boards of several companies, including Alternative Packaging Systems, The Water Company, Constellis Holdings Inc. (where he co-chaired the governance and compliance committee), the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Fannie Mae and the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial.

After earning an undergraduate degree from Georgetown University College of Arts and Sciences, Quinn received his J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center, where he was an editor of the Georgetown Law Journal.

Little Add 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.

“Littler’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.

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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