

# Foley Adds Partner Stephen Meli, Bolstering National Fund Formation Practice and Continuing Boston Office Growth

## *News*

Stephen M. Meli has joined law firm Foley & Lardner as a partner in its Business Law Department and Fund Formation & Investment Management Practice Group.

Based in Boston, Steve will focus his practice on fund formation, emerging and spin-out fund sponsors and institutional investor representation. He is the second partner to join the Boston office in the past 3 weeks.

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# Results of the Dykema/MICHauto/The Right Place COVID-19 Automotive Outlook Flash Survey

## *Insight*

The automotive industry is a critical component of the U.S. economy connecting a wide range of industries, from part and raw material suppliers to providers needed for the day-to-day sale and operation of vehicles.

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# **Grasford Smith Elected National Bar Association Minority Partners in Majority Law Firms Division Chair**

## ***News***

Akerman LLP announces today that Complex Commercial Litigation Partner Grasford Smith has been elected as chair of the National Bar Association's Minority Partners in Majority Law Firms Division.

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# **Littler Mexico Launches NOM-035 Survey Tool to Assist Employers with Compliance**

## ***Insight***

Littler, the world's largest employment and labor law practice representing management, announces the launch of the Littler NOM-035 Survey, a resource for employers in Mexico.

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# Shackelford, Bowen, McKinley & Norton Partner Among Billboard's Top Music Lawyers

## *News*

Shackelford, Bowen, McKinley & Norton, LLP entertainment and business litigation partner Lauren Kilgore has been selected to Billboard magazine's 2020 listing of the nation's leading music attorneys.

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# Texas Bankruptcy Law Firm Forshey Prostok Welcomes Deirdre Carey Brown

## *News*

Forshey Prostok L.L.P. is proud to announce the addition of Deirdre Carey Brown, pllc, as a Partner in the firm's Houston office.

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# Texas Bankruptcy Law Firm Forshey Prostok L.L.P. Adds

# Additional Firepower

## *News*

The complex bankruptcy and restructuring law firm Forshey Prostok L.L.P. is pleased to announce the addition of Michael D. “Mickey” Ricketts as Of Counsel in the firm’s Fort Worth headquarters.

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## **Akerman Welcomes Mark Lichtenstein to Bankruptcy and Reorganization Practice Group in New York**

junaid-odubekoAkerman LLP welcomes Mark Lichtenstein to the firm’s Bankruptcy and Reorganization Practice Group. Lichtenstein brings extensive experience working with corporate and distressed assets, particularly while resolving restructurings and bankruptcy matters on behalf of private equity firms, financial institutions, and hedge funds

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**Bradley Partner Junaid  
Odubeko Accepted to ABA**

# Section of Litigation's Diverse Leaders Academy

## *News*

Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP Nashville partner Junaid Odubeko has been accepted to the American Bar Association (ABA) Section of Litigation's Diverse Leaders Academy (DLA).

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# Dan Geyser Reveals Decision Behind Joining ADJ with Texas Lawbook

## *Resource*

U.S. Supreme Court and Federal Appellate Practice Chair Dan Geyser recently spoke with Texas Lawbook about his past success as a solo practitioner and what ultimately motivated him to join Texas appellate powerhouse Alexander Dubose & Jefferson.

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# Greensfelder Named among 'Healthiest Employers' in St.

# Louis

## *News*

Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale, P.C., has been named a finalist in the St. Louis Business Journal's 2020 list of the "Healthiest Employers" in St. Louis. The firm is the only law firm among the 24 finalists across all categories.

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## **Bradley Attorneys Appointed to ABA Section of Litigation Leadership Positions**

### *News*

Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP attorneys Dylan C. Black, Tiffany J. deGruy, Tiffany Graves, Robert Emmett Poundstone IV, Anne Marie Seibel, and Ethan T. Tidmore have been appointed to new leadership roles with the ABA Section of Litigation for 2020-2021.

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## **Redgrave LLP Welcomes Vanessa Barsanti as a Partner in Los Angeles**

### *News*

Redgrave LLP, the premier law firm focusing exclusively on

eDiscovery and information law, is proud to announce that Vanessa Barsanti has joined the Firm as a Partner in Los Angeles from Kirkland & Ellis LLP.

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## **Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Aronoff LLP Partner Marc Blubaugh Joins International Association of Defense Counsel**

### ***News***

Marc Blubaugh, a partner at Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Aronoff LLP in Columbus, Ohio, has accepted an invitation to join the International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC), the preeminent invitation-only global legal organization for attorneys who represent corporate and insurance interests.

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## **Bradley Partner Jay Bender Receives Alabama Commendation Medal for His Work on the**

# Haven Act

## *News*

The Alabama Army National Guard awarded the Alabama Commendation Medal to Bradley Arant Boult Cummings partner Jay Bender for his work drafting and helping to secure passage of the “Honoring American Veterans in Extreme Need Act of 2019” (HAVEN Act).

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# Amazon, Google Tap Big Law to Bolster In-House Ranks

## *News*

Amazon.com Inc. and Alphabet Inc.’s Google LLC have hired a pair of public policy experts to expand their antitrust and energy capabilities.

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# Michael Best Elects Six Attorneys to Partnership

## *News*

Michael Best has elected six of their attorneys to partnership. The new partners span 3 practice groups and are located in the firm’s offices in Colorado and Wisconsin.

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# Chamberlain Hrdlicka Continues Expansion Of Labor And Employment Practice With Addition Of Kaitlin Lammers

## *News*

Chamberlain Hrdlicka is pleased to announce the addition of Kaitlin Lammers as counsel in the Atlanta office.

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# BH Properties Launches DIP Platform to Finance Troubled RE Assets Facing Receivership

## *News*

BH Properties to provide DIP financing on deals up to \$150 million. Bankruptcy attorney Howard Weg will serve as a consultant to the firm which sees a pandemic-driven wave of receivership and bankruptcy cases later this year.

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# **Pullin, Fowler, Flanagan, Brown & Poe Attorney Tiffany Durst Joins International Association of Defense Counsel**

## ***News***

Tiffany R. Durst of Pullin, Fowler, Flanagan, Brown & Poe, in Morgantown, W.Va., has accepted an invitation to join the International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC), the preeminent invitation-only global legal organization for attorneys who represent corporate and insurance interests.