

Chamberlain Hrdlicka Elevates Five Attorneys At First Virtual Shareholders Meeting

Chamberlain Hrdlicka is pleased to announce that it has elevated two of its shareholders to equity status and elevated three attorneys to shareholder status. Moving up to equity shareholders are Philadelphia-based attorneys Kevin F. Sweeney and Kenneth I. Trujillo. Moving to income shareholders are San Antonio-based attorney Jillian Gordon Foerster, Atlanta-based attorney Jeffrey S. Luechtefeld and Houston-based attorney Julie R. Offerman. These promotions were affirmed during the firm's virtual annual shareholders meeting held on Feb. 6, 2021.

Jillian Gordon Foerster

Foerster practices in the area of Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) and employee benefits law. She has significant experience with all compliance aspects for qualified plans, health and welfare plans and executive compensation arrangements. Foerster has a particular interest in healthcare reform compliance for employer health and welfare plans, HIPAA Privacy and Security rules, wellness programs and self-funded health plans. She also counsels clients on the insurer and third-party administrator side of employer welfare plans. Foerster earned her undergraduate degree from Southwestern University and her law degree from Texas Tech University School of Law.

Jeffrey S. Luechtefeld

Luechtefeld represents clients in IRS examinations, appeals and litigation. He has a deep understanding of inner workings of the Internal Revenue Service as well as a strong technical tax background. Previously, he led the regional Tax Controversy practice for a "Big Four" accounting firm. Prior

to that, he was a litigator for the IRS Office of Chief Counsel. Luechtefeld earned his undergraduate degree from Missouri State University, his law degree from the University of Missouri School of Law and his Master of Laws degree from University of Florida Levin College of Law.

Julie R. Offerman

Offerman is an experienced litigation attorney in Chamberlain Hrdlicka's Houston Labor & Employment Practice. She has substantial experience defending employers nationwide in wage and hour class and collective action lawsuits, including matters involving allegations of misclassification of employees and failure to pay overtime. Prior to joining Chamberlain Hrdlicka, she clerked for Justice Phil Johnson of the Texas Supreme Court. Offerman earned her undergraduate degree from the University of Texas at Austin and her law degree from Texas Tech University School of Law.

Kevin F. Sweeney

Sweeney is a member of Chamberlain Hrdlicka's Tax Controversy & Litigation Practice and is a former federal prosecutor who defends clients in civil and criminal tax controversy and litigation matters. He represents high-net-worth individuals and businesses with complex and sensitive tax issues. Sweeney focuses on high-stakes IRS audits, civil tax litigation, white-collar criminal defense matters and whistleblower matters for high and ultra-high net worth individuals, corporate executives, business owners and public and private companies worldwide. He is recognized by Legal 500 U.S. and has also been honored twice with the Tax Division Outstanding Attorney Award by the U.S. Department of Justice. Sweeney earned his undergraduate degree from Loyola University Maryland and his law degree from New York Law School.

Kenneth I. Trujillo

Trujillo represents U.S. and foreign corporations, as well as government entities, executives, lawyers and other individuals in contract disputes, securities, antitrust, education and

other regulatory issues. His practice involves complex civil litigation and class actions, and he counsels clients on governance, regulatory matters, internal investigations and government relations. Trujillo has also represented numerous public officials and government entities, including city council members, mayors, governors, states, cities and Native American tribes in civil and criminal matters. He has extensive jury trial experience having tried to verdict civil and criminal cases ranging from personal injury to civil rights to complex class actions. Trujillo earned his undergraduate degree from Evangel University and his law degree from University of Pennsylvania Law School.