

# **Eversheds Sutherland Appoints New Partners in Charge for Four US Offices**

Eversheds Sutherland is pleased to announce the appointment of new leadership for our offices in Atlanta, Houston, New York and Washington DC. As of January 1, 2021, Partners Kristina Kopf Thomas, Marlene C. Williams, Dodie C. Kent and Susan G. Lafferty are the Partners in Charge for their respective offices. They succeed Partners Daniel J. Warren, David A. Baay, Robert E. Copps and Amish M. Shah, respectively.

Atlanta – Thomas, partner in the Real Estate Practice Group, is a commercial real estate and fund formation attorney with more than 15 years of experience working with real estate industry clients on a broad spectrum of transactions. Thomas has a strong background in the structuring and formation of private equity real estate investment funds and joint ventures for the acquisition, operation and development of real estate assets. Thomas succeeds Partner Dan Warren, who led the Atlanta office for nearly 12 years.

Houston – Williams, partner in the Litigation Practice Group, is a seasoned litigator who guides her clients through complex labor and employment matters, defending Fortune 100 companies in class action disputes and collective action litigation. With clients spanning a variety of industries, including energy, chemical, media, retail, manufacturing and healthcare services, she has served as lead counsel in bench and jury trials, in appeals in federal and state appellate courts, and in arbitrations, including cases involving multiple parties and millions of dollars in claims. Williams succeeds Partner David Baay, who held the position for the past four years.

New York – Kent, partner in the Insurance Practice Group, has

more than 20 years of experience in the financial services industry and advises clients on a wide range of regulatory and compliance topics. She counsels a wide range of insurance companies and industry participants on product design, implementation and administrative issues as they relate to variable, index-linked and fixed life insurance, and annuity products. Kent succeeds Partner Bob Copps who led the New York office for nearly two years.

Washington DC – Lafferty, partner in the Energy Practice Group, advises clients on an array of energy and environmental issues impacting the petroleum, biofuels and energy trading industries. Lafferty's extensive practice covers regulatory, commercial and policy issues related to the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS), renewable identification number (RIN) trading, state low carbon fuel standards (LCFS), gasoline and ultra-low sulfur diesel (ULSD) requirements, and shipping all types of commodities by rail, vessel or truck. Lafferty succeeds Partner Amish Shah, who served in the position for five years.