

# Eversheds Sutherland Elects Nine New US Partners

Eversheds Sutherland is pleased to announce the election of nine new US partners effective January 1, 2021.

The following attorneys have been elected partner:

## **From our Corporate and Financial Services Practice Group:**

Hill Jeffries, resident in the Atlanta office, focuses his practice on mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, venture capital investments and governance matters. He advises clients in a diverse array of industries, including technology companies, food manufacturers, natural resources companies and Timberland Investment Management Organizations (TIMOs). Jeffries' experience includes counselling private equity sponsors and their portfolio companies on acquisitions, divestitures and general corporate matters.

Anne Oberndorf, resident in the Washington DC office, assists investment companies, investment advisers and private funds in navigating the intricate rules and regulations of the Investment Company Act of 1940 and the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, including counseling her clients on fund structure and compliance with, and exemptions from, those Acts.

Ray Ramirez, resident in the Washington DC office, counsels clients on derivatives regulatory and transactional matters. He assists clients in navigating regulations issued by federal agencies and the National Futures Association (NFA) and developing compliance programs and procedures to address them. Ramirez has guided market intermediaries, including commodity pool operators and commodity trading advisers, through the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) registration process, has represented clients before the CFTC, the NFA and other regulators on various matters and has actively

participated (on behalf of clients) in federal regulators' rulemaking processes. He also assists clients in drafting and negotiating derivatives and other trading and financing documentation.

**From our Intellectual Property Group:**

Jeremy Spier, resident in the Atlanta office, counsels clients on Intellectual Property (IP) law, including international and domestic IP rights. Spier primarily focuses on patent and trademark prosecution. He also counsels clients on IP portfolio management and prepares patentability, validity, non-infringement and product clearance opinions. In addition, Spier has substantial experience in preparing IP licensing agreements and conducting IP audits and due diligence in corporate transactions..

Nash Zogaib, resident in the Austin office, drafts and prosecutes domestic and foreign patent applications and advises clients on patent portfolio management and other intellectual property needs. His technical knowledge spans software and hardware areas, including wireless standards, wireless charging devices, web security, voice over IP session management, cloud services, messaging systems, automotive technologies, semiconductors, memory devices, robotics, superconductors, printing devices, display technologies and imaging systems. Zogaib also has extensive engineering experience in cellular communications, including GSM, CDMA and LTE.

**From our Litigation Practice Group:**

Lee Peifer, resident in the Atlanta office, represents companies, individuals, schools and governmental entities in commercial and education litigation. He advises clients on a variety of matters – including contractual disputes, business torts, corporate governance, employment issues, school funding and constitutional law – and across a range of industries.

Peifer has experience in state and federal courts and has represented clients in arbitration, at trial and on appeal. He also has defended clients in consumer, employment and education class actions.

Adam Pollet, resident in the Washington DC office, defends financial institutions, broker-dealers, investment advisers and individuals in regulatory investigations and enforcement matters involving the US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) and state securities regulators. He also represents his clients in complex financial services litigation, securities class action litigation and FINRA arbitrations. In addition, Pollet advises his clients in internal investigations, regulatory examinations and counsels them on various regulatory and compliance matters.

**From our Real Estate Group:**

Jenny Worthy, a resident in the Atlanta office, counsels clients on an array of commercial real estate matters, including the acquisition, construction and development, financing and disposition of commercial real estate projects. She advises commercial banks, investment banks, pension funds, real estate investment trusts, insurance companies and borrowers in financing transactions, including origination, workouts and distressed asset transactions. She works with lending clients on the origination of loans with diverse debt stack structures, including single asset, mezzanine and financings intended for securitization. She is also a member of the Firm's timber and forest products team.

**From our Tax Practice Group:**

Ted Friedman, a resident in the New York office, focuses his practice on state and local tax matters. Friedman counsels clients on a wide range of state and local tax issues involving income and franchise taxes, sales and use taxes,

gross receipts taxes and telecommunication taxes. Friedman represents clients in tax controversy, planning, policy and compliance matters.