Fenwick Elects 2026 New Partner Class

Fenwick & West LLP has elected three attorneys to its 2026 partner class, effective Jan. 1, the firm announced Thursday. The new partners, based in Santa Monica and Seattle, specialize in intellectual property, corporate law, and tax, with a focus on technology and blockchain-related matters.

Julia Arruda, based in Santa Monica, will join the partnership from the firm's intellectual property group. She advises technology companies on IP issues in corporate transactions and commercial agreements, particularly in fintech, AI, blockchain, and gaming sectors.

Christopher Crawford, also based in Santa Monica, practices in the corporate group. He counsels startups and technology firms on corporate governance, venture financing, mergers and acquisitions, and public offerings, with expertise in blockchain-related legal matters.

Sean McElroy, based in Seattle, will join the tax group. His practice focuses on tax planning and controversy, including litigation before federal courts and advising on blockchain-related tax issues.

Firm Chair Richard Dickson said the new class would contribute to the firm's ongoing national expansion and growth across the technology and life sciences sectors.

Fenwick, founded in Silicon Valley, has more than 600 legal professionals worldwide. It was named 2024 Practice Group of the Year in Life Sciences and Technology by Law360.