Burns Charest Attorney LeElle Slifer Named Partner

- Attorney **LeElle Slifer** has been named partner by the Dallas-based trial law firm of **Burns Charest LLP**.

Slifer, who joined the firm as counsel in 2016, focuses her practice on complex commercial litigation involving a wide range of claims, including breach of contract, oil and gas royalty disputes, and patent infringement.

“Everyone who works with LeElle admires her legal expertise and intelligence, and her dedication and persistence in anticipating and meeting the needs of her clients,” said Dan Charest, co-founder of Burns Charest. “We are pleased to recognize those qualities in welcoming her to the partnership.”

Some of Slifer’s current representations include Kosmos Energy, in both Texas state court and before the International Chamber of Commerce, and Stonebriar Commercial Finance, in various federal and state courts across the nation. She currently represents wounded service members and their families bringing a civil action in the Eastern District of New York against six international banking organizations for allegedly conspiring with Iran to evade U.S. economic sanctions and conduct illicit trade-finance transactions.

Slifer has handled several significant appellate matters, including to the U.S. Supreme Court in *Comcast Corp. v. Behrend*. She represented the plaintiffs in *DDR Holdings v. Hotels.com*, where after winning a jury verdict of patent infringement in the Eastern District of Texas, her team secured an appellate victory at the Federal Circuit. Some of her other clients include Pizza Hut, Q Aviation, Black Stone Minerals, Torreya Partners, and Verdad Capital.

Slifer began her legal career in 2010 as a clerk to Judge Jerry E. Smith on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. In 2011, she joined Susman Godfrey LLP in Dallas before transferring to the New York office in 2013. She is admitted to practice in both Texas and New York.

She earned her law degree, with honors, from Harvard Law School in 2010 where she was Editor-in-Chief of the Harvard Journal of Law & Public Policy and a member of the Harvard Federalist Society. Slifer received her undergraduate degree with high honors from Duke University in 2007.

Burns Charest has offices in Dallas, Denver, and New Orleans.