

# Hunton Andrews Kurth Promotes Seven to Partner

Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP begins its new fiscal year with the promotion of the following seven lawyers. The firm proudly recognizes these talented individuals for their accomplishments and outstanding client service.

Brian M. Clarke (Capital Finance and Real Estate, New York) advises issuers, investors, and other stakeholders in chapter 11 reorganizations, out-of-court restructurings, and other distressed situations. In addition, he advises clients in the negotiation and execution of complex business transactions, including financings, mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, and control investments. Clarke received his undergraduate degree from Fairfield University and his law degree from Fordham University School of Law, graduating cum laude from both.

Andrea DeField (Litigation, Miami) focuses her practice on helping clients manage risk and maximize insurance recovery by advising them through the claims process and representing them in litigation, mediation and arbitration when necessary. She has tried coverage and insurance bad faith cases to jury verdict and has handled appeals in several state and federal courts across the country. She also helps clients proactively manage risk through policy reviews and audits, particularly of cyber insurance policies, and has conducted full-scale insurance program audits for some of the nation's largest companies. DeField received her undergraduate degree from University of Miami and her law degree from University of Denver Sturm College of Law.

Ian R. Goldberg (Corporate, Houston) advises clients on a broad range of energy transactions, including upstream and midstream oil and gas mergers, acquisitions and divestitures,

financial transactions, and out-of-court and bankruptcy court restructurings. Ian has extensive experience representing exploration and production companies and financial partners with respect to operations in the major U.S. conventional and unconventional onshore basins, as well as offshore in the Gulf of Mexico. Goldberg received his undergraduate degree from The University of Texas at Austin and his law degree from University of Houston Law Center.

Jared D. Grodin (Capital Finance and Real Estate, Houston) focuses his practice on commercial lending, finance and real estate transactions. His experience includes the representation of national and international lenders and borrowers in various secured and unsecured credit transactions, including, upstream, midstream and downstream oil and gas lending, real estate lending, asset-based lending transactions, acquisition finance, syndicated finance and various restructurings. Grodin received his undergraduate degree from The University of Texas at Austin and his law degree from South Texas College of Law Houston, where he was one of the editors of the South Texas Law Review.

Douglas H. Hoffmann (Capital Finance and Real Estate, New York) focuses his practice on representing commercial real estate owners, developers, lenders, investors, private equity funds, and institutional REITs in structuring and closing all types of real estate transactions, including joint ventures, acquisitions and dispositions, developments, financings, development rights or "air rights" transactions, and portfolio transactions. Hoffmann received his undergraduate and law degrees from Emory University.

Serena M. Mentor (Corporate, New York) has experience representing issuers, sponsors, underwriters, agents, trustees and servicers in connection with public and private asset-backed securitization transactions, with a special focus on mortgage and mortgage-related assets. She also frequently analyzes and interprets various regulations, requirements and

restrictions promulgated by regulatory and other governing authorities with respect to such securitizations. Mentor received her undergraduate degree from Colgate University and her law degree from the University of Virginia School of Law.

Carter C. Simpson (Litigation, Washington) maintains a diverse civil litigation practice, with a focus on antitrust, consumer, class-action litigation and complex commercial and business disputes. She advises and represents clients across a range of industries in civil and criminal antitrust investigations and litigation, merger challenges and cases involving RICO, false advertising, deceptive trade practices, employment and intellectual property claims with particular expertise in the food and beverage, retail and hospitality. She also has a robust pro bono practice focused on civil rights. Simpson joined the firm following a federal clerkship and received her undergraduate degree from Duke University and her law degree from Vanderbilt University Law School.