

# Stroock Elevates Seven Partners and Special Counsel for 2021

Stroock is pleased to bring some positive news to these challenging times with the promotion of four new partners and three new special counsel, effective January 1, 2021.

The following lawyers have been promoted to partner:

Julie Nevins (Litigation, Miami): Nevins handles a broad range of complex commercial matters, including insurance coverage, bad faith, business torts, contracts, real property, outdoor advertising and intellectual property. In addition to litigating, she provides counseling on coverage and claims handling. Nevins is a sought after conference panelist and a regular author on important insurance issues that impact the market, most recently providing insight on business interruption in the era of COVID-19.

Marija Pecar (Financial Restructuring, New York): Pecar specializes in debt finance as part of the Financial Restructuring Group. Pecar represents leading investment and commercial banks, hedge funds, private equity sponsors and other alternative capital providers, as well as public and private companies, as creditors, sponsors, debtors, underwriters, arrangers, collateral agents and indenture trustees on a wide range of complex domestic and cross-border financing transactions, including leveraged acquisition and syndicated financings; distressed debt and other special situations financings and restructurings (including “debtor-in-possession” financings, bridge facilities and chapter 11 exits); ABLs; high-yield bond issuances and other debt and capital markets transactions.

Shannon Reaves (Government Affairs & Regulatory Support,

Washington, D.C.): Reaves focuses his practice in the areas of Exon-Florio reviews before the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS); industrial security, including Foreign Ownership, Control or Influence (FOCI) mitigation matters before the U.S. Departments of Defense and Energy; and export control compliance. He also advises companies regarding major defense industry acquisitions. Reaves has participated in hundreds of CFIUS reviews, has conducted industrial security due diligence for transactions and has investigated export control violations. He is a noted panelist at leading industry conferences and has contributed to numerous articles on CFIUS regulation.

Gabriel Sasson (Financial Restructuring, New York): Sasson concentrates his practice on bankruptcy proceedings and out-of-court restructuring transactions. Sasson has extensive experience representing ad hoc groups of bondholders, secured lenders and other creditors, DIP lenders, official committees of unsecured creditors, indenture trustees, equity holders and debtors in connection with in-court and out-of-court restructurings. In addition, Sasson has experience in the representation of large insurance companies, as creditors, in chapter 11 and chapter 7 bankruptcy proceedings.

The following lawyers have been promoted to special counsel:

Kerry Cooperman (Government Affairs & Regulatory Support, New York): Cooperman focuses on complex commercial litigation, with particular concentrations in commercial real estate disputes, financial regulatory enforcement matters, and political law compliance. Cooperman also supports Stroock's Public Service Project, helping oversee our pro bono program with particular attention to representing children with special education needs in securing appropriate educational services and school placements. His concentration also encompasses advocacy for not-for-profit organizations.

Thomas Shiah (Financial Restructuring, New York): Shiah

focuses his practice on the corporate and transactional aspects of in-court and out-of-court restructurings, including mergers and acquisitions, debt and equity financings, debtor-in-possession financings, and restructurings and workouts. He has experience representing clients in all aspects of the structuring, negotiation, financing and implementation of these transactions. Shiah also regularly represents hedge funds, private equity funds, banks and large institutional investors regarding the development and implementation of distressed investment strategies.

Daniel Yost (Litigation, New York): Yost focuses on complex commercial litigation, as well as regulatory compliance counseling and defense for clients in federal and multi-state investigations, enforcement actions and examinations. He has experience in matters involving state and federal consumer protection statutes, fair lending and fair housing laws, credit reporting and debt collection. Yost pro bono practice focuses on asylum claims for refugees and housing rights for New York City tenants.