

# Wiggin and Dana Appoints Susan Wertheim as Chief People Officer

February 22, 2022 – Wiggin and Dana has announced that Susan Wertheim has joined the Firm's New Haven office in the newly-created role of Chief People Officer. Wertheim is the firm's fourth C-level leadership hire in the past two years as Wiggin and Dana continues to strengthen its professional staff.

Wertheim joins the firm from Goodwin Procter, where she served as Director, Human Resources Business Partners.

This hire continues Wiggin and Dana's run of "Chief" level appointments that have significantly strengthened its professional management team. In January, the firm elevated Jana Simon to Chief Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer. David Tefft, previously of Eversheds Sutherland, joined the firm as Chief Technology Officer in July 2021; Brad Quilici, formerly of Hughes Hubbard & Reed and Paul, Weiss, joined as Chief Marketing Officer in March 2021; and Mike DeLargy joined as Chief Operating Officer in March 2020 from Barnes & Thornburg.

"Top-tier professional leadership plays a critical role in driving our overall growth," said Timothy Diemand, the firm's managing partner. "As we make progress towards our strategic goals, Susan will drive the human resources strategy development that is so critical to our growth."

"Susan's impressive experience leading HR programs throughout the legal industry will ensure that Wiggin continues to be a cultural destination for top talent," said Mike DeLargy, Wiggin and Dana's Chief Operating Officer. "Susan will ensure delivery of a high-quality, consistent experience for candidates and employees, a valuable asset in today's hyper-

competitive talent market.”

In her role, Wertheim will be vital to the executive leadership team. She will lead essential HR-related functions such as compensation, benefits, policy development, legal compliance, employee relations, and employee communications, and oversee and implement a comprehensive talent management strategy.

Wertheim received her B.A. from Ithaca College.

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