

**News**

## **BCLP ELECTS 20 NEW PARTNERS**

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By a vote of the partnership, the global law firm BCLP has elected 20 new lawyers to partnership in the firm, effective Jan. 1, 2021. This brings the number of partners firmwide to 545.

This year's class of new partners spans 11 practice areas and 11 of BCLP's offices in the U.S. and Europe.

"This has been a challenging and remarkable year for BCLP, as it has for everyone," said firm Co-Chairs Lisa Mayhew and Steve Baumer. "As we move forward we are grateful for our health, our work and our connections with clients and colleagues around the globe. The firm continues to grow across a more focused platform, led by our transformative aspirations under Project Advance to build scale around existing core areas of practice strength. At the same time, we are transforming the firm's operational infrastructure to help drive growth and client experience in the coming years. We are excited to see where the talents and energy of these new partners will take us and we congratulate them all."

The new partners are:

### **Christian Auty, Chicago**

Christian Auty is an experienced adviser in a wide range of data privacy and security matters. Christian has helped hundreds of companies in diverse industries navigate complex data privacy and security regimes, including the California Consumer Privacy Act, the GDPR, HIPAA and the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act. He also has significant experience defending current privacy and security practices in investigations initiated by regulatory agencies around the world, and in class action litigation. Auty is a frequent writer and speaker on data privacy topics, in particular on data privacy issues related to digital objects, cookies and digital marketing issues.

### **Anne Redcross Beehler, Irvine**

Anne Redcross Beehler has a broad-based litigation practice. She represents corporate and individual clients in complex civil litigation and government enforcement actions and investigations, including white-collar criminal defense matters. Beehler also has developed expertise handling real estate disputes, focusing in particular on landlord-tenant disputes. Her criminal law

experience includes handling state and federal matters from the investigation stage through trial, including a six-month jury trial in state court in New York. In addition, she frequently manages complicated e-discovery matters, often supervising document review teams comprised of 20-50 attorneys.

### **Adam Braun, St. Louis**

Adam Braun's practice focuses on the representation of companies in their compensation and employee benefits matters, particularly in the context of mergers and acquisitions. He regularly counsels public and private companies on the design, drafting and operation of equity-based compensation, employment, change in control, and deferred compensation plans, programs and arrangements, including the related tax, ERISA, securities law and accounting implications of those arrangements. In addition, Braun advises public and private companies on corporate governance and compliance matters, including with respect to executive and director compensation disclosures in public filings and tax-qualified retirement plans and health and welfare plans. He regularly negotiates employment agreements for both executives and companies.

### **Rebecca Campbell, London**

Rebecca Campbell is an experienced litigator whose broad practice covers all areas of real estate disputes. She advises fund managers, investors, developers and occupiers on a range of contentious property issues including sale and purchase disputes, development and joint venture disputes, professional negligence and business rates disputes. She has experience managing complex disputes to trial in the Court of Appeal and UK Supreme Court.

### **Abigail Cotton, San Francisco**

Abigail Cotton focuses her practice in intellectual property law. She has experience in all aspects of U.S. patent prosecution, including preparing patent applications for filing, responding to office actions and conducting examiner interviews. With her M.S. and B.A. in chemistry, she also was a biochemistry and organic chemistry patent examiner for the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, where her examination areas included pharmaceuticals, cosmetics and therapeutic methods. In addition to building and managing worldwide patent portfolios for clients, she also conducts freedom-to-operate and product IP reviews for both technology and retail clients, assists clients with patent enforcement and defense, performs IP portfolio due diligence, and helps clients identify patenting strategies that impart a market advantage in new technology areas.

### **Jonathan Danziger, New York**

Jonathan Danziger practices in real estate law. His practice includes acquisitions, dispositions, financings and joint ventures with a focus on complex assets and portfolio transactions. Over the past several years, he has worked on many deals involving non-traditional assets, including ski resorts, marinas, golf courses and gaming facilities. He has been with the firm since 2011, when he

joined as a summer associate. Prior to joining BCLP, he also interned with the Monmouth County (New Jersey) Prosecutor's Office, New York City Council Speaker's Office and the New York City Police Department. He is a frequent author on commercial real estate topics.

### **Shelley Goto, Los Angeles**

Shelley Goto practices with the firm's Financial Services and Real Estate Groups. She primarily represents major financial institutions and CMBS/CME loan servicers in connection with both securitized and unsecuritized commercial mortgage loan transactions, with a particular focus on originations and defeasances. Goto has represented landlords and tenants in reviewing and negotiating commercial leases and has negotiated and documented real estate purchase and sale transactions. She also has experience advocating for nonprofit organizations in various collaborative ventures.

### **Adam Jamieson, London**

Adam Jamieson specializes in advising financial institutions and their senior management on complex regulatory issues and related litigation. His work includes conducting internal investigations, representing clients in regulatory investigations by the FCA, PRA and other enforcement agencies (often cross-border), and defending enforcement proceedings. He has experience of working for the regulator having spent over a year on secondment to the FCA's Enforcement & Market Oversight Division. He is a member of the Financial Services Lawyers Association and regularly contributes to industry publications on legal and regulatory issues.

### **Marie Johnson, London**

Marie Johnson is experienced in acting on a range of corporate finance transactions, including mergers and acquisitions, restructurings, joint ventures and project finance, as well as general corporate advisory work. She has particular experience advising corporates and founders alike on acquisitions and disposals of businesses in the retail, financial services, gaming and technology sectors, including recently advising British Telecommunications plc on the carve-out disposal of its fleet management operations and advising the founders of a leading sports agency, The Stellar Group, on their disposal to talent agency ICM Partners.

### **Tyler Mark, Denver**

Tyler Mark advises clients with respect to a variety of federal securities law matters, including periodic reporting and capital markets transactions, and a wide range of corporate governance matters for both publicly traded and private companies. He has represented clients ranging from small startups to Fortune 100 companies on an array of general corporate advisory matters as well as strategic transactions, including public and private mergers, acquisitions, sales and restructurings. He also has developed specialized and diverse experience managing shareholder activism matters.

## **Anthony Marks, Los Angeles**

Tony Marks is a certified franchise and distribution law specialist and counsels clients in a wide range of industries on franchise and distribution law matters. He also has deep experience in a broad range of transactional matters, including formation, venture capital financing, debt financing, and mergers and acquisitions. He regularly acts as outside general counsel for clients in connection with day-to-day corporate and commercial transactions. He is a former co-chair of the California Bar Association Franchise Law Committee and a contributor to Forbes.com on franchise law matters.

## **Sarah McAtominey, London**

Sarah McAtominey advises a variety of commercial clients and high-net-worth individuals (HNWIs) on a wide range of corporate and commercial disputes. She has particular experience in financial litigation, including investment banking and finance disputes, alternative trading disputes, structured finance litigation and fraud. She is experienced in freezing injunctions and other interim relief and has advised on a number of internal investigations. McAtominey also advises in actions for data breach, breach of confidence or privacy, and defamation and reputation management.

## **Michael McKinley, Kansas City**

Michael McKinley is a project development and real estate lawyer with an emphasis on data centers. He has experience representing buyers and sellers in connection with the acquisition and development of data center facilities as well as representing landlords and tenants in short and long-term colocation leases and service level agreements. McKinley has helped numerous clients on data center divestitures, including planning and the resulting sale or leaseback transactions. His experience also includes negotiation of fiber agreements and wireless facility agreements; utility matters, power purchase agreements and interconnection agreements; state and local incentives, tax issues and legislative affairs; and renewable energy facility development.

## **Jason Meyer, St. Louis**

Jason Meyer has substantial litigation experience, including in patent and trademark, trade secrets and employee non-compete matters. He has represented various commercial clients across the country in a wide array of federal and state lawsuits, often related to patent matters involving diverse technologies. He has extensive experience guiding cases through every stage of litigation, including discovery, dispositive motions, trial and appeal, and also has assisted clients in successfully navigating various forms of alternative dispute resolution. In addition, Meyer has been involved in various *pro bono* matters, including assisting nonprofits and individuals with intellectual property matters and contract disputes, and serving as lead counsel in a prisoner civil rights trial in federal district court.

## **Matthew Petersen, Denver**

Matt Petersen has a national litigation practice covering complex commercial matters, including specialties in food and agribusiness litigation and consumer litigation with a focus on the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA). He has experience handling all types of litigation, ranging from class actions to arbitrations to appeals, and he also serves as coordinating FCRA litigation counsel for numerous clients across the United States. In addition to his litigation practice, Petersen advises clients on compliance issues, including consumer credit compliance under the FCRA and, more recently, the CARES Act.

### **Jonathan Potts, St. Louis**

Jonathan Potts is a business litigator with extensive experience in the areas of commercial litigation, class action defense and sports litigation. He represents clients in high-stakes class action lawsuits and strategic appeals in state and federal courts across the country. Potts defends businesses faced with bet-the-company litigation, complex consumer lawsuits and shareholder derivative actions. Potts also represents and advises leading sports organizations in the constantly evolving space of head injury/concussion litigation. His clients span all industries and sizes, including Fortune 500 companies, financial institutions, insurance companies, professional sports teams and privately held companies. Potts also advises clients on minimizing their litigation exposure in connection with mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance disputes, and naming rights/sponsorship deals. Potts maintains a deep *pro bono* practice committed to overturning wrongful convictions and has successfully exonerated two innocent men wrongfully convicted of first-degree murder.

### **Cory Smith, Phoenix**

Cory Smith is a registered patent attorney whose practice focuses on intellectual property law and technology transactions, with an emphasis on computer-related technologies. He regularly handles patent matters in the U.S. and foreign jurisdictions in many areas of technology, including computer software and hardware, cloud computing, artificial intelligence, payment services and consumer goods, among others. Smith also handles technology transactions, including negotiating software acquisitions and licenses, handling IP and software aspects of corporate transactions, and addressing open source software issues. In addition, he has handled *pro bono* matters, including assisting nonprofits with IP issues and representing low-income parents in severance and adoption proceedings.

### **Curtis Tiffany, St. Louis**

Curtis Tiffany's practice concentrates on mergers and acquisitions, corporate legal matters and complex commercial transactions. He represents public and private companies in a variety of industries including the technology, food, agribusiness and pharmaceutical industries. He is a member of the firm's M&A and Corporate Finance and Securities & Corporate Governance Groups.

### **Alexandra Whitworth, San Francisco**

Alex Whitworth has broad experience representing corporations and individuals in all stages of civil litigation, from pre-trial motions to appeal. Her practice focuses primarily on intellectual property litigation and consumer disputes. In the intellectual property arena, she has litigated many trademark, trade secret and unfair competition cases. Her consumer disputes practice is broad, having defended product liability, negligence, breach of warranty, fraud, breach of contract, elder abuse and consumer financial protection claims, among others. She has significant experience with California and federal consumer-protection statutes such as the Fair Credit Reporting Act, the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, California Unfair Competition Law and California Homeowner Bill of Rights.

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