

Perkins Coie Appoints Four New Office Managing Partners for Bay Area, San Diego and Portland

SEATTLE (January 3, 2020) - Perkins Coie is pleased to announce that it has appointed four partners to manage its San Francisco, Palo Alto, San Diego, and Portland offices.

The appointments were effective January 1 and include:

- In San Francisco, Laura Zagar becomes Office Managing Partner, succeeding Barbara Schussman. Laura joined Perkins Coie in 2014 as a partner in the Environment, Energy & Resources practice. [Read more](#)
- In Palo Alto, Daphne Higgs becomes Office Managing Partner, succeeding Lowell Ness. Daphne, who joined the firm in 2008 as an associate and became a partner in 2014, is a member of the Technology Transactions & Privacy practice.
- In San Diego, Mark Wicker becomes Office Managing Partner, succeeding Matthew Bernstein. Mark joined Perkins Coie in 2016 as a partner in the Technology Transactions & Privacy practice. [Read more](#)
- In Portland, Christopher Rich becomes Office Managing Partner, succeeding Sarah Crooks. Chris, who joined the firm in 2006 as of counsel and became a partner in 2009, is a member of the Environment, Energy & Resources practice. [Read more](#)

"Our office managing partners play a critical role in leading their local lawyers and professional staff, and in growing Perkins Coie's visibility in the regions in which we operate," said Firmwide Managing Partner Bill Malley. "Laura, Daphne, Mark and Chris are all first-rate lawyers and leaders, and I know they will continue to build on our commitment to exceptional client service, culture of collaboration, and service to our communities."

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