

Perkins Coie Congratulates 22 New Partners

SEATTLE (November 10, 2022)—Perkins Coie is pleased to announce that 22 counsel have been promoted to partner effective January 1, 2023. The firm's new partner class of 2023 includes:

- Lindsay Allen
- Hayley L. Berlin
- Samuel D. Boro
- Alletta Brenner
- Amelia Davis
- Zachary E. Davison
- Elise Edlin
- Sarah E. Fowler
- Arian Galavis
- Jonathan P. Goddard
- Han Saem (Sam) Hong
- Katherine E. May
- Elizabeth Mendoza
- Ali Mirsaidi
- Andrew (Andy) T. Pettit
- Bruce B. Pinegar
- Courtney M. Prochnow, Ph.D.
- Jonathan S. Schulman
- Jillian B. Sommers
- David S. Steele
- Lauren Tsuji

"We are pleased to welcome each of these accomplished lawyers to the partnership and know they will continue to excel and succeed for our clients and the firm," said Firmwide Managing Partner [Bill Malley](#). "Every member of the new partner class has demonstrated a high level of client service and legal acumen that benefits the counsel we provide to entrepreneurs, innovators, leading technology companies, and *Fortune* 500 corporations, among other clients. We wish our new partners continued success in their careers at Perkins Coie."

In total, 68% of the 2023 partner class is diverse and inclusive of people of color, women, and people who are LGBTQ+. The class also includes lawyers who work a flexible schedule.

Perkins Coie 2023 Partner Class



[Lindsay B. Allen](#) (Washington, D.C.) is a member of the Trademark, Copyright, Internet & Advertising practice. Her practice covers the full breadth of trademark and copyright law, including trademark clearance, counseling, prosecution, portfolio management, and enforcement matters as well as copyright counseling, protection, and enforcement strategies. A trusted counselor to clients of all sizes, Lindsay has experience with a wide range of industries such as entertainment, sports, social media, consumer products, technology, finance, pharmaceuticals, politics, and higher education.



[Hayley L. Berlin](#) (Seattle) is a member of the Privacy & Security practice. She represents communications service provider clients on core issues related to user privacy, free speech, domestic and cross-border data disclosure, and data security. Hayley regularly counsels and litigates on behalf of clients on issues related to digital search and seizure, electronic surveillance, prior restraint, anonymous speech, and governmental and civil demands for user data. She has extensive experience with the Stored Communications Act (SCA), the Wiretap Act, the Pen Register/Trap and Trace (PRTT) Act, the California Electronic Communications Privacy Act (CalECPA), and national security legal process.



[Samuel D. Boro](#) (Washington, D.C.) is a member of the Technology Transactions & Privacy practice. His practice bridges the gap among innovative technologies, financial services, and the law. Sam counsels clients who are on a mission to revolutionize e-commerce, including merchants, fintechs, banks, cryptocurrency businesses, and other financial services firms. He is experienced in negotiating complex transactional matters as well as providing regulatory advice and product counseling related to payment processing, consumer financial protection, business operations, government investigations, and regulatory compliance. He also advises on payments and financial services issues in emerging industries including artificial intelligence and machine learning (AI/ML), cloud computing, and Web3.



[Alletta Brenner](#) (Portland) is a member of the Product Liability practice. She emphasizes complex product liability litigation, both representing clients in court and providing strategic risk management and mitigation advice. Alletta works with clients in a range of industries, with an emphasis on aviation and emerging technologies, and is an active member of the firm's Autonomous & Uncrewed Vehicle Systems industry group. Alletta also has an active pro bono practice, including representing families seeking asylum in the United States and defending the rights of people who identify as LGBTQ+.



[Amelia Davis](#) (Denver) is a member of the Mergers & Acquisitions practice. She counsels public and private companies and private equity funds on middle-market to multibillion-dollar business transactions, including complex international mergers, acquisitions, divestitures, and restructurings. Amelia provides experienced guidance to executive teams and general counsel on commercial and corporate governance matters, including dividend recapitalizations, executive employment, and incentive equity arrangements, commercial agreements, and dispute resolution.



[Zachary E. Davison](#) (Seattle) is a member of the Business Litigation practice, focusing on real estate, securities, and corporate governance disputes. He represents clients with varying property and leasehold interests, prosecuting and defending against contract, tort, and statutory claims. In his securities practice, he represents companies, officers, and directors in shareholder class actions, derivative lawsuits, and mergers and acquisitions (M&A) litigation.



[Elise Edlin](#) (San Francisco) is a member of the Patent Litigation practice. Elise focuses on complex intellectual property (IP) litigation in federal courts, the International Trade Commission (ITC), and the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB). She partners with a variety of clients across a range of technology areas—from technology to life sciences—including networking, semiconductors, telephony, medical devices, drug treatments, and fluorescent proteins. In addition to technical subject matter, Elise has extensive experience litigating damages, including for standardized technologies with fair, reasonable, and nondiscriminatory (FRAND) requirements. She has also represented pro bono clients in matters including veterans' appeals, asylum hearings, and civil rights litigation.



[Sarah E. Fowler](#) (Palo Alto) is a member of the Patent Litigation practice. She has more than 10 years of experience working on complex patent and trade secret matters, both in district court and in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). Sarah has developed particular depth in cases involving digital rights management, device authentication, streaming media, video game technology, network security, and enterprise data warehousing. She has significant trial experience and a track record of securing early victories for her clients.



[Arian Galavis](#) (Seattle) is a member of the Mergers & Acquisitions practice. Arian counsels companies on domestic and international mergers and acquisitions (M&A) and equity financings, with a particular emphasis on advising large strategic acquirers on significant acquisitions and strategic financings, and venture capital-backed companies and their founders on high-profile sales and fundamental transactions. He represents clients in a broad range of industries, including the technology, financial, and life sciences sectors.



[Jonathan P. Goddard](#) (Seattle) is a member of the Construction and Real Estate Litigation practices. Jon counsels clients throughout the construction industry—including owners, contractors, and manufacturers—during all phases of construction projects and disputes. Jon has extensive experience helping clients resolve matters through negotiation, alternate dispute resolution, arbitration, and trial in state and federal courts. Jon also regularly drafts and negotiates construction, development, design, management, and bespoke contracts related to projects of all sizes.



[Han Saem \(Sam\) Hong](#) (Seattle) is a member of the Patent Prosecution practice. Sam has experience with domestic and foreign patent prosecution along with patent and market mapping. He is familiar with various hardware technologies, including semiconductor wafer and packaging, memory devices, system-on-a-chip (SOC), consumer devices, telecommunication systems, and medical devices. Sam's experience also extends to software technologies.



[Katherine E. May](#) (Dallas) is a member of the Securities Litigation practice. Katherine represents companies and individuals in complex commercial litigation, with particular emphasis on securities litigation, contract claims, state and federal constitutional issues, and business torts, including trade secret misappropriation, negligence, fraud, and fiduciary duty claims. She has significant trial and arbitration experience, having first- or second-chaired three trials in state and federal courts and served as a member of other trial and arbitration teams.



[Elizabeth Mendoza](#) (Seattle) is a member of the Technology Transactions & Privacy practice. Liz advises companies on issues relating to privacy and security, technology licensing, e-commerce, artificial intelligence and machine learning (AI/ML), augmented and virtual reality (AR/VR), the metaverse, and social media. She counsels entrepreneurs, startups, and large companies at every stage of a product launch as well as on the review and implementation of sound privacy and security practices.



[Ali Mirsaidi](#) (New York) is a member of the Technology Transactions & Privacy practice. Ali represents companies ranging from startups to large enterprise businesses on intellectual property (IP), technology and other transactional matters, with an emphasis on emerging and innovative technologies; digital media, interactive entertainment, and video games; artificial intelligence and machine learning (AI/ML); and software as a service (SaaS), cloud, and software offerings. Ali has extensive product counseling experience and advises his clients on legal risks and mitigations relating to product and service design, development, launch, and commercialization.



[Andrew \(Andy\) T. Pettit](#) (Austin, Palo Alto) is a member of the Patent Prosecution practice. Andy's practice focuses on patent and trademark procurement, strategic analysis—including infringement analysis, enforcement analysis, and portfolio valuation—and intellectual property (IP) counseling. He represents clients ranging from multinational corporations to individual entrepreneurs and startups. Andy has experience across a broad range of technological areas, including medical devices, medical instrumentation (including imaging, sequencing, and diagnostic technologies), artificial intelligence and machine learning (AI/ML), predictive analytics, and consumer electronic devices.



[Bruce B. Pinegar](#) (Boise) is a member of the Trust & Estate Planning practice. Bruce counsels high net worth individuals and families in the creation of sophisticated estate plans and wealth transfer strategies to minimize gift, estate, and generation-skipping transfer taxes. His work includes structuring and implementing family offices and planning for closely held businesses. Bruce also advises and assists executors and trustees with respect to the administration of estates and trusts.



[Courtney M. Prochnow, Ph.D.](#) (Los Angeles) is a member of the Intellectual Property practice. Trained as a molecular and structural biologist, Courtney focuses her practice on patent litigation, strategic patent portfolio management, and patent prosecution in the life sciences industry. She has represented clients in federal courts, including in Hatch-Waxman litigation, and in post-grant proceedings before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB). Courtney has drafted and prosecuted patents in a variety of technological areas including gene editing (CRISPR/Cas), chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T-cell therapeutics, small molecule and nucleic acid therapeutics, antibody therapeutics, vaccines, recombinant proteins, genetic diagnostic methods, and chemical synthesis.



[Jonathan S. Schulman](#) (Denver) is a member of the Corporate & Securities practice. Jonathan advises issuers and underwriters in connection with capital markets transactions as well as public companies in connection with U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) disclosure obligations and related corporate governance matters. He represents clients in a wide variety of capital markets transactions, including initial public offerings (IPOs), underwritten equity and debt offerings, Rule 144A debt offerings, private investment in public equity (PIPE) and tender offers. Jonathan regularly advises clients on SEC reporting, compliance, and disclosure issues; stock exchange rules; and general corporate governance matters. He also represents public companies in mergers and acquisitions (M&A).



[Jillian B. Sommers](#) (Chicago) is a member of the Business Litigation practice. Jillian litigates for clients throughout the United States and around the world, with a particular emphasis on matters that require judicial intervention and high-stakes negotiations. She handles large-scale litigations, including managing e-discovery, navigating procedural disputes, drafting dispositive motions, taking depositions, and representing her clients at trial. Clients trust Jillian with their most pressing issues, including those relating to aviation, e-commerce, and shareholder disputes.



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