

McCarter Elevates New Class of Ten Partners

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McCarter & English, LLP is pleased to announce the election of ten new partners, resident in five of the firm's offices and representing six of its practice groups.

Managing Partner Joe Boccassini said: "I congratulate our new class of partners who have shown such extraordinary dedication to their clients, colleagues, and communities. They have already distinguished themselves as exceptional lawyers and leaders, and I look forward to working with them as they deepen and expand our firm's capabilities and promote its longstanding reputation."

Added Joe Lubertazzi, Chair of the firm: "This new class of partners has exemplified the best of McCarter and their elevations are very well deserved. They are outstanding people, and have demonstrated incredible commitment to our clients and to their colleagues which truly sets them apart. I am honored to welcome them to the partnership."

Michael Benak—Tax, Employee Benefits & Private Clients, Newark— Mike handles nationally prominent property tax cases that have set new legal precedent, advising clients in all aspects of local property taxation. He helps clients reduce property assessments, negotiates tax abatements and exemptions, and secures incentive packages for relocating businesses. Mike's efforts have reduced taxpayer liability on a variety of properties, including retail, office and industrial buildings, golf courses, power plants, self-storage facilities, multi-family apartments, and other complex commercial properties.

Nicole Corona—Insurance Recovery, Counseling & Litigation, Newark—Nicole focuses her practice on complex commercial matters, with a primary emphasis on insurance coverage litigation and counseling. Nicole possesses extensive experience representing and advising clients on issues arising from all areas of insurance, including general liability, cyber, crime, employment practices liability, directors and officers, errors and omissions, workers compensation, property and business interruption.

Sarah Delia—Business Litigation, Wilmington—Sarah handles complex corporate and commercial litigation matters for clients in both state and federal courts involving breach of fiduciary duty claims, shareholder and corporate governance disputes, valuation and appraisal law, contractual disputes, fraud, corporate information rights, advancement and indemnification, corporate governance and other commercial disputes.

Stesha A. Emmanuel—Products Liability, Mass Torts & Consumer Class Actions, Boston—Stesha concentrates her practice on civil litigation and represents clients in products liability, toxic tort, pharmaceutical matters and complex civil and commercial litigation in both state and federal courts. As an

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experienced civil litigator, Stesha also practices employment and labor law. She is actively involved in pro bono initiatives, community service and most recently served as president of the Massachusetts Black Lawyers Association.

Kelly Garrone—Intellectual Property, Newark—Kelly has extensive experience in both intellectual property counseling and prosecution as well as litigation. She regularly advises clients on securing and protecting their brands, from choosing a trademark to engaging in litigation and other enforcement efforts to protecting trademarks and enforcing their trademark rights.

Timothy Homlish—Intellectual Property, Newark—Tim is a registered patent attorney who counsels clients in patent portfolio management, litigation, and defensive assessments. Tim has experience in a multitude of technologies covering the mechanical, electrical, medical device, and software fields, including significant experience with fluid handling systems, automation and control systems, and mass spectrometry systems.

Christopher Rojao—Products Liability, Mass Torts & Consumer Class Actions, Newark—Chris concentrates his practice in complex commercial litigation, with an emphasis on products liability, business litigation, and consumer fraud class action defense. Chris counsels clients in a range of industries including manufacturers of pharmaceuticals and medical devices, laboratory and healthcare facilities, and public utility and energy clients.

Shawn Smith—Business Litigation, Hartford— Shawn focuses his practice on a broad range of complex civil and commercial litigation, often involving partnership and business disputes, unfair competition, environmental, commercial real estate, bankruptcy, and insurance related matters.

Danielle Weslock—Bankruptcy, Restructuring & Litigation, Newark—Danielle possesses extensive litigation and transactional experience representing national banks and special servicers in residential and commercial mortgage foreclosure actions, breach of contract actions, loan sales, workouts, forbearance agreements, rent receiverships, and real estate transactions.

Cara Wulf—Cara Wulf focuses her practice on government contracts and has extensive experience helping clients navigate a broad array of federal, state, and local public procurement challenges. She routinely creates compliance programs, conducts investigations, and litigates bid protests, claims, and other government contract disputes. Prior to McCarter, Cara spent seven years working in various agencies at the Department of Defense.

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