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Proskauer Promotes 21 Lawyers

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November 1, 2018 (New York) – International law firm Proskauer today announced the promotions of 21 lawyers, 11 to partner and 10 to senior counsel.

“We are thrilled to promote this esteemed group of lawyers to partner and senior counsel,” said Proskauer Chairman Joe Leccese. “The Firm congratulates them on their accomplishments and looks forward to their continued success and dedication in serving our clients.”

The Firm’s new partners and senior counsel are:

Partner

- Stacey Cerrone (New Orleans) has a broad practice where she focuses on both ERISA litigation and employment litigation. She represents plan sponsors, plans, directed trustees and fiduciaries in all phases of ERISA class action and single-plaintiff litigation and also handles wage and hour collective actions and employment discrimination litigation.
- Susan Gutierrez (Los Angeles) is an experienced trial lawyer focused on complex civil and commercial matters. She has significant courtroom experience in state and federal courts, and has successfully litigated high-profile actions across industries and clients, ranging from pharmaceutical companies, professional sports leagues, world renowned recording artists, and numerous Fortune 500 companies.
- Daniel Hendrick (New York) focuses on the representation of leading investment banks, private debt funds, business development companies, issuers and borrowers in public and private capital markets and leveraged loan transactions, including Rule 144A high-yield debt offerings and syndicated and non-syndicated loan transactions. He works on a wide range of transactions, with a particular focus on acquisition financings and leveraged recapitalizations.
- Brian Huber (Boston) focuses on tax and economic planning for a broad range of private fund clients. He advises private equity fund managers on tax aspects of fundraising and internal organizational matters, as well as investment activities. He also represents U.S. and non-U.S. investors in connection with the tax and economic aspects of their investments in venture capital funds, buyout funds, hedge funds and other investment partnerships and structures.

- Galen Lewis (Boston) has an extensive practice in matters relating to private investment funds. He advises clients on fund formations, secondary transactions (including fund tenders and restructurings), co-investments and day-to-day operational and regulatory matters, with an emphasis on representing established and emerging secondary buyers and buyout, venture and growth capital private fund sponsors.
- Stephen Meli (Boston) has a broad practice in the area of private investment funds. He advises clients on fund formation, secondary transactions, institutional investor representation, co-investments and day-to-day operational and regulatory matters, with an emphasis on representing established and emerging buyout, venture, credit and growth capital private fund sponsors.
- Harris Mufson (New York) serves as a trusted advisor to clients regarding an array of employment issues. He represents employers in disputes regarding discrimination and retaliation, whistleblowing, sexual harassment, wrongful discharge, defamation, breach of contract, wage and hour, and restrictive covenants.
- Matthew Pincus (London) focuses on U.S. tax law. He counsels sponsors of private funds on a wide variety of tax matters, including fund structuring and carried interest arrangements. He also regularly advises on fund secondary transactions, including end-of-life recapitalizations, tender offers and other liquidity solutions.
- Paul Polking (New York) focuses on the negotiating, structuring and documenting of real estate transactions, including commercial and retail leases and subleases, on behalf of both landlords and tenants. He also handles the purchase and sale of commercial and residential properties, and financings of various sizes, including construction financings, acquisition financings and refinancings.
- Benjamin Rubin (Boston) represents an array of private credit providers, including private debt funds, BDCs, CLOs, sovereign wealth funds, hedge funds and private equity investors in connection with growth investments, acquisition financings, going-private transactions, joint venture programs as well as other finance-related transactions, including innovative, first-in-kind transactions across the U.S. and Europe.
- John Verwey (London) has a broad practice in advising a wide variety of clients on financial services law and regulation with a particular focus on advising fund managers and investment firms on the application of EU legislation, including AIFMD and MiFID II. He also has a focus on advising clients on regulatory issues arising from financial services M&A.

Senior Counsel

- Julia Alonzo (New York) has a broad practice in securities and corporate governance litigation. She represents clients engaged in complex securities and white collar litigation, including federal securities class actions, derivative lawsuits, internal investigations, and federal white collar defense.
- Nathan Brown (Boca Raton) assists high-net-worth individuals and families with developing suitable estate plans to maximize and protect the transfer of wealth. He counsels clients on estate, gift and generation-skipping transfer tax planning as well as probate, estate and trust administration and fiduciary litigation matters.
- Aliza Cinamon (New York) counsels both U.S. and international clients on a broad spectrum of environmental issues in connection with complex corporate, real estate and financing transactions, environmental compliance, Superfund and hazardous waste matters, federal and state environmental enforcement proceedings, risk assessment and allocation, remediation, brownfields and climate change.
- Lily Desmond (New York) represents issuers, investment banks and sponsors in public and private equity and debt capital markets transactions, including IPOs and follow-on offerings, across a broad range of industries. She also advises clients in securities law, corporate governance and general corporate matters.
- Michael Hackett (Boston) focuses on disputes and regulation involving private equity, venture capital, hedge and private credit funds, where he represents funds, sponsors, investment advisers and institutional investors in litigation and regulatory enforcement proceedings. His practice also encompasses complex commercial litigation and securities litigation matters in state and federal courts.
- Kyle Junik (Boston) advises private equity sponsors and companies in M&A transactions, minority and syndicated investments, joint ventures and fund portfolio restructurings. He also advises private credit sponsors in preferred equity financings, co-investments, out-of-court workouts and Section 363 transactions.
- Steven Porzio (New York) represents clients in a full range of traditional labor matters including collective bargaining negotiations, arbitrations, and representation and unfair labor practice cases before the National Labor Relations Board and federal courts. He also advises clients on complying with federal, state and local employment laws as well as litigation avoidance strategies.
- John Roberts (Boston) specializes in complex civil appeals and commercial litigation. He has successfully represented major corporations and organizations in federal and state appellate courts across the country and has twice represented parties in appeals before the U.S. Supreme Court.
- Jennifer Roche (Los Angeles) is a litigator who focuses on complex commercial matters in a variety of areas, including financial services, asset management,

bankruptcy and fiduciary litigation. She represents public and private clients in cases involving antitrust claims, contract disputes, fraud, unfair competition and business torts.

- Simon Sharpe (New York) represents public and private companies and private equity sponsors and their portfolio companies in acquisitions, dispositions, joint ventures, minority investments and corporate restructurings. In addition to his transactional practice, Simon frequently counsels clients on a variety of securities law, corporate governance, commercial and strategic matters.

Related Professionals

- **Aliza R. Cinamon**
  Partner
- **Benjamin E. Rubin**
  Partner
- **Daniel W. Hendrick**
  Partner
- **Galen R. Lewis**
  Partner
- **John Verwey**
  Partner
- **John E. Roberts**
  Partner
- **Joseph M. Leccese**
  Chairman Emeritus of the Firm
- **Julia D. Alonzo**
  Litigation Department Legal Director
- **Mike Hackett**
  Partner
- **Paul M. Polking**
  Partner
- **Simon J. Sharpe**
  Partner
- **Susan L. Gutierrez**

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