



Morrison Foerster elects 27 lawyers to partnership

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Manhattan, NY Morrison Foerster elected 27 lawyers to the firm's partnership, effective January 1, 2024. The class of 2024 includes lawyers from 13 practice groups.

"I'm thrilled to welcome this incredibly talented group of lawyers to the partnership," said Eric McCrath, chair of Morrison Foerster. "Their promotion to partner is a testament to their commitment to hard work and excellence, passion for what they do, strong sense of ownership and collaboration, unwavering dedication to serving our clients globally, and commitment to the firm's shared values. In their own unique way, they are the embodiment of what makes MoFo such a special place to work. I am excited for the many more contributions they will make to the firm in the years to come."

The following lawyers have been elected partners:

Alexandra Preece Barlow is a member of the Litigation Department and the Class Actions and Mass Torts Group, based in San Diego. She litigates complex product liability matters involving medical devices, pharmaceuticals, consumer products, automobiles, and artificial intelligence, with significant experience managing challenging mass tort and class action cases from inception through trial. She received her J.D. from the University of San Diego Law School and her B.A. from the University of California, Los Angeles.

Locke Bell is a member of the Litigation Department and Government Contracts + Public Procurement Group, based in Washington, D.C. He is a recognized expert on intellectual property in government contracting, which he teaches as an adjunct professor at the George Washington University Law School. He is a trusted counselor, litigator, and strategic partner to technology-driven clients as they engage with the U.S. government and others in the complex landscape of public procurement, grants, and government-sponsored initiatives. He also advises companies and investors on government contracting issues in transactional matters including mergers and acquisitions. He received his J.D. from the George Washington University Law School and his B.S. in mechanical engineering from the University of Virginia.

James Brower is a member of the Litigation Department and the National Security Group, based in Washington, D.C. Brower has worked across a variety of departments within the U.S. federal government and has extensive experience advising and representing clients in matters relating to the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) and other national security-related matters. Prior to joining Morrison Foerster's National Security Group, he managed the review, assessment, and investigation of more than 100 transactions for CFIUS at the U.S.

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Fitz Collings is a member of the Litigation Department and the IP Litigation Group, based in Washington, D.C. Collings counsels some of the largest pharmaceutical, biotechnology, and technology companies in the world on complex intellectual property matters. His experience over the past decade includes high-profile patent litigation, trade secret proceedings in district courts and before the International Trade Commission (ITC), and numerous Hatch-Waxman Act cases in district courts around the U.S. He received his J.D. from the College of William and Mary, his A.L.M. from Harvard University, and his B.A. from Cornell University.

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Kate Driscoll is a member of the Litigation Department and the Securities Litigation, Enforcement, and White-Collar Defense Group, based in Washington, D.C. Driscoll focuses her practice on investigations, enforcement actions, and compliance, with an emphasis on pharmaceutical and life sciences clients, related to healthcare fraud, the False Claims Act, and the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act. She recently completed a secondment with a global consulting firm, leading government-facing investigations relating to healthcare matters. Prior to joining Morrison Foerster, Driscoll served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, where she led the criminal prosecution of one of the largest theft of trade secrets cases in U.S. history, involving a leading multinational pharmaceutical company. Driscoll has significant trial experience, having obtained multiple jury and bench trial verdicts. She received her J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School and her A.B. summa cum laude from Bryn Mawr College.

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Chris Gloria is a member of the Transactions Department and the Patent Strategy + Prosecution Group, based in Washington, D.C., where his practice concentrates on U.S. and international patent prosecution, IP due diligence, and IP litigation support, including patent infringement and validity determinations. As co-head of the firm’s Med Tech practice group, he advises large and emerging medical device companies in building and growing their patent portfolios. He has experience in

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