

Crowell & Moring Elects 13 New Partners, Promotes Seven to Senior Counsel, and 19 to Counsel

Washington – January 3, 2022: Crowell & Moring elected 13 lawyers to the firm’s partnership, effective January 1, 2022. The firm also promoted seven to the position of senior counsel and 19 associates to the position of counsel. The new partners have been promoted from within the ranks of the firm’s London, New York, and Washington, D.C. offices and from across several practice groups, including Advertising & Media; Antitrust & Competition; Corporate; Energy; Environment & Natural Resources; Government Contracts; Health Care; Technology & Intellectual Property; International Dispute Resolution; Litigation; Mass Tort, Product, and Consumer Litigation; and Privacy & Cybersecurity.

“We applaud these lawyers, who all have proved their deep commitment to their clients and demonstrated the highest levels of professional excellence,” said Philip T. Inglima, chair of Crowell & Moring. “We look forward to the continued success of our new partners, senior counsel, and counsel.”

The newly elected partners are:

Randa Adra (New York) – A member of the International Dispute Resolution and Litigation groups, Adra counsels clients across the globe on complex international and domestic disputes. In her practice, Adra serves as a strategic advisor on arbitration matters under the rules of all major arbitral institutions, as well as commercial litigation matters in both state and federal courts. Her particular expertise is in international commercial and investment arbitration, and she has a depth of experience in disputes involving the Middle East and North Africa region. Adra also represents clients across a broad spectrum of industries, including health care, pharmaceuticals, construction, infrastructure, energy, hospitality, retail, and consumer products.

William Bruno (Washington) – Bruno is a member of the firm’s Corporate Group. His practice focuses on general corporate, capital markets, and securities matters for public and private companies, including mergers and acquisitions, initial and follow-on securities offerings, complex commercial transactions, and corporate governance. Bruno advises clients seeking to grow, collaborate, and secure new capital. He represents clients across a wide range of industries, including financial services, technology, automotive, education, energy, and healthcare. As global businesses operate in an increasingly complex regulatory environment, Bruno provides clients with the insight necessary to navigate the disclosure rules and regulations imposed by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, NYSE, Nasdaq, and FINRA.

Emma Burton (Washington) – A member of the Mass Tort, Product, and Consumer Litigation and Antitrust & Competition groups, Burton’s practice involves assisting clients to achieve affirmative recovery through litigation, negotiation, and the pursuit of claims in large antitrust and tort settlements. She is experienced in the process by which class action settlements are administered and distributed, and in resolving disputes involving allowable purchases, sufficiency of data, and allocations of funds. Burton’s practice also involves the development, implementation, and management of sophisticated settlement solutions as alternatives to litigation and she is experienced in all aspects of evaluating, designing, and administering multifaceted claims processes to resolve product, tort, and environmental issues.

Preetha Chakrabarti (New York) – A member of the firm’s Technology & Brand Protection Group within the firm’s Technology & Intellectual Property Department. Chakrabarti’s practice consists of litigation, counseling, and prosecution. Her patent and trademark litigation work includes proceedings in federal court and in front of the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board and involves various industries, from chemicals to pharmaceutical,

biotech, software, apparel, fashion, retail, luxury, beauty, and wearable technology. Chakrabarti also performs due diligence relating to intellectual property issues in corporate transactions and assists clients with trademark clearance, portfolio management, and the filing of trademark and patent applications with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. From 2019-2020, Chakrabarti served as a judicial law clerk for the Honorable O. Rogeriee Thompson of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit.

Christian Curran (Washington) – Curran is a member of the Government Contracts Group. His practice focuses on government contracts litigation and counseling, including bid protests, government investigations, and compliance with federal and state procurement laws and regulations. Curran has broad experience in the government contracts arena, including bid protest litigation at both the Government Accountability Office and the Court of Federal Claims, contract claims before the Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals, prime-sub disputes, internal investigations, mandatory disclosures, transactional due diligence, Defense Contract Audit Agency audits, and compliance assessments.

Paul Freeman (New York) – A member of the firm’s Environment & Natural Resources and Government Contracts groups. Freeman brings two decades of diverse experience advising clients in the energy, maritime, and aerospace and defense industries on a range of issues, with a primary emphasis on matters involving enforcement defense, internal investigations, litigation, and risk management. Freeman represents clients in response to investigations by, or inquiries from, a range of regulators, particularly the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Justice, and routinely conducts internal investigations involving supply chain risks, ethics, quality systems, contract compliance, and potential false claims. Most recently, Freeman has advised on the emerging intersections of climate change and the pursuit of environmental justice with government contracting.

Kelly Hightower Hibbert (Washington) – Hibbert is a member of the firm’s Health Care Group. She focuses her practice on complex commercial litigation before federal and state courts, administrative agencies, and arbitral forums. She is also experienced in defending government investigations involving False Claims Act allegations. In addition to her work as defense counsel, Hibbert represents health care clients pursuing recovery of monies lost as a result of fraud, waste, and abuse. Hibbert represents clients in multiple spaces within the health care industry, including health benefit plans, electronic health record providers, pharmaceutical and medical device manufacturers, pharmaceutical distributors, acute-care hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, long-term care providers, rehabilitation centers, and individual health care providers.

Joshua Lindsay (Washington) – A member of the International Dispute Resolution Group, Lindsay represents clients through the arbitration and litigation of complex disputes, with particular expertise in commercial construction disputes concerning large-scale public and private infrastructure projects. Lindsay has first-chair trial experience practicing in state and federal courts, as well as in proceedings before domestic and international arbitration tribunals. His expertise in construction law is complemented by his professional background as a nuclear power engineer and his years of experience working alongside leading technical, delay, and quantum experts. Prior to his legal career, Lindsay served as a surface warfare and nuclear power engineering officer in the U.S. Navy.

Gordon McAllister (London) – McAllister is a member of the firm’s International Dispute Resolution, Technology & Intellectual Property, and Antitrust & Competition practice groups. He represents clients from around the globe, helping to resolve their most complex disputes and advising in all aspects of commercial and investment arbitration. In addition, his practice involves a wide variety of commercial litigation, including the pursuit of antitrust claims. McAllister’s practice has an increasing focus on intellectual property disputes, particularly in the

pharmaceuticals sector, where he has advised a number of clients on IP protection strategies, and in relation to contentious licensing matters.

Julia Milewski (Washington) – A member of the Litigation Group, Milewski’s practice focuses on complex civil litigation in state and federal courts across the country, domestic and foreign alternative dispute resolution, and counseling clients on corporate compliance. She has a depth of experience in trade secret, class action, commercial, and cybersecurity litigation, is a managing editor of the *Crowell & Moring Trade Secrets Trends* blog, and has been published in national publications on issues ranging from class certification to hot topics in trade secrets. Milewski is an active litigator, representing clients in a variety of industries including technology and cybersecurity companies, telecommunications companies, real estate developers, global pharmaceutical companies, and airlines and railroads.

Steve Ryan (Washington) – Ryan is a member of the Corporate Group, where he advises companies, entrepreneurs, and investors on venture capital, mergers & acquisitions, and general corporate governance matters with a strong emphasis on representing private high-growth companies and venture capital investment firms. He focuses his work with venture-backed companies and founders to practically solve complex issues, develop strategies to navigate risks while achieving business objectives, and efficiently execute to drive business results. He routinely serves as outside general counsel to clients, assisting them with Board Governance, evaluating and executing financing alternatives, securing and protecting intellectual property, stakeholder management, and accessing and managing specialized legal resources.

Robert Sneckenberg (Washington) – A member of the Government Contracts Group, Sneckenberg litigates high-stakes bid protests and contract claims on behalf of government contractors in federal and state courts and administrative tribunals. He is a critical strategic advisor who prioritizes partnering with his clients to identify and achieve the most cost-effective and lasting resolution in each unique matter. Sneckenberg’s litigation frequently involves complex subject matter such as cost accounting disputes, energy savings performance contracting, and organizational conflicts of interest, and stretches across industries including aerospace and defense, construction, health care, information technology, and professional services.

Matthew Welling (Washington) – A member of the Privacy & Cybersecurity and Energy groups, Welling has a deep technical background that he leverages to represent clients in a wide range of counseling and regulatory matters. He regularly leads cyber incident response matters for clients across diverse industries, with significant experience working with victims of advanced persistent threat actors and ransomware attacks. He also frequently leads compliance reviews, risk assessments, the development of corporate policies and procedures, such as incident response plans, and designing and facilitating cyber and privacy-focused tabletop. As part of the firm’s Digital Transformation initiative, Welling advises clients on security and regulatory issues related to blockchain applications, helps clients navigate service provider relationships, and is currently engaged with clients developing novel blockchain and DLT projects in multiple industries.

Crowell & Moring attorneys promoted to senior counsel are: Jurgen Figys and Karl Stas in Brussels; Scott Bittman, John Clark, James Ohlig, and Robert Waldner in New York; and Carolyn Wagner in Washington.

Crowell & Moring associates promoted to counsel are: Lorenzo Di Masi in Brussels; Uri Niv in Los Angeles; Adam Colman, Miriam Karam, and Seye Olufunwa in London; Frank Jaklitsch, Robert Kornweiss, Mara Lieber, and Maria Vanikiotis in New York; and Jillian Ambrose, Luke Bresnahan, Stephanie Crawford, Christopher Garcia, Eduardo Mathison, Lee McMahon, Nimrah Najeeb, Liam O’Reilly, Christopher Pinto, and Kate Watkins in Washington.

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