

## Perkins Coie Congratulates 23 New Partners

**SEATTLE (November 21, 2024)**—Perkins Coie is pleased to announce that 23 senior counsel and counsel have been promoted to partner, effective January 1, 2025.

“We congratulate each of these exceptional lawyers on their promotion to partner in recognition of their outstanding legal counsel to our clients,” said Firmwide Managing Partner [Bill Malley](#). “Each of these lawyers represent our core strengths in serving and advising leading companies, entrepreneurs, and investors across all sectors amid an era of rapid change. We know our clients value their insights and that they will provide many more valuable contributions to our firm.”

The 2025 partner class reflects the strength of the firm’s diversity and reach, representing nine offices and seven core practices. In total, 65% of the partner class is diverse, including women and people of color. The class also features lawyers who work on flexible schedules.

The firm's new partner class of 2025 includes:

[Kristine Beaudoin](#) (Phoenix) is a member of the Labor & Employment practice. Kristie counsels employers across industries on issues spanning all stages of the employment relationship. Kristie also maintains an active litigation practice and regularly helps clients litigate employment and commercial disputes alike.

[Abby Bloetscher](#) (San Francisco) is a member of the Business Litigation practice, with a focus on the construction industry. Abby has experience with a variety of commercial litigation issues, including pleadings and motion practice at both the state and federal court level, resolution of discovery disputes, and appellate matters.

Stacey Bosshardt (Washington, D.C.) is a member of the Environment, Energy & Resources practice and specializes in environmental and administrative law and litigation. Stacey represents mining, transmission, energy (including renewable energy), real estate, and other business and government clients. Before joining Perkins Coie, Stacey litigated and supervised high-profile cases at the U.S. Department of Justice’s Environment and Natural Resources Division, where she represented federal agencies.

[Jody L. Bryson](#) (Palo Alto) is a member of the Private Client Services practice. Jody provides advice and guidance in the areas of estate planning, trust administration, probate estate administration, and family investment entities and succession planning. Individuals, families and fiduciaries turn to Jody for practical and thoughtful advice even in complicated or emotional circumstances. Jody’s estate planning practice focuses on both probate avoidance planning as well as sophisticated and creative wealth transfer planning.

[Jon R. Carter](#) (New York) is a member of the Intellectual Property Litigation practice, with a focus on district court litigation and post-grant proceedings. Jon advises clients in IP disputes relating to a wide range of technologies, including wireless communications, computer architecture and software design, semiconductor design and fabrication, e-commerce, medical devices, and pharmaceuticals.

[Michelle W. Edwards](#) (San Francisco) is a member of the Emerging Companies & Venture Capital Law practice. Michelle provides corporate representation and strategic counseling to clients across the startup and venture capital ecosystem, representing both privately held companies and investors. Michelle has extensive experience representing clients in significant financing, exit and other strategic transactions.

[Colin M. Fowler](#) (Palo Alto) is a member of the Patent Prosecution & Portfolio Counseling practice. Colin advises his clients, including entertainment and gaming companies, software development firms, financial services companies, green-tech developers, and early-stage innovative technology companies, on matters concerning artificial intelligence and machine learning; software development tools; digital gaming features; cybersecurity; blockchain and cryptography; among other areas.

Daniel Graham (Denver) is a member of the Business Litigation practice. Dan focuses his practice on complex business litigation across various industries, including construction, real estate, autonomous vehicle systems, and consumer products.

[Megan Houlihan](#) (Portland) is a member of the Business Litigation practice. Meg guides clients on a wide range of commercial disputes, including class actions, trade secrets, statutory interpretations, and constitutional questions.

[Yashreeka Huq](#) (New York) is a member of the Emerging Companies & Venture Capital Law practice. Yashreeka focuses her practice on representing emerging companies and venture capital investors through venture financings at all stages of investment, debt transactions, mergers, acquisitions, restructurings and other complex strategic transactions. She also provides key strategic counseling as “outside general counsel” to several emerging companies in areas such as corporate governance, equity management and fundraising strategy.

[Mikella \(Mikey\) M. Hurley](#) (Washington, D.C.) is a member of the Privacy & Security practice. Mikey represents clients in litigation matters involving electronic-surveillance issues, the Electronic Communications Privacy Act (ECPA), and the First and Fourth Amendments. She also counsels clients on financial privacy, mobile advertising and location-tracking technologies, international privacy compliance, and matters relating to artificial intelligence (AI), algorithmic fairness, and consumer protection.

[Jamie Nicole Johnson](#) (Seattle) is a member of the Emerging Companies & Venture Capital Law practice. She represents emerging growth companies throughout their entire lifecycle, including with respect to entity formation, equity and debt transactions, mergers and acquisitions and corporate governance. In addition, she works with several investors in connection with their portfolio investments.

[Daniel T. Keese](#) (Portland) is a member of the Patent Litigation practice. Dan focuses his practice on intellectual property litigation, particularly patent litigation in federal courts, in post-grant proceedings at the Patent Office, and investigations at the International Trade Commission. He is passionate about cases involving technology areas such as semiconductor devices, e-commerce, video coding, wireless standards, analog circuits, and medical devices.

[Vijay S. Kumar](#) (Seattle) is a member of the Patent Prosecution & Portfolio Counseling practice. Vijay focuses his practice on strategic development of patent portfolios, intellectual property due diligence, and patent licensing, and has extensive experience with technologies in the energy, chemical, and medical device sectors. Vijay’s clients include emerging companies, multinational corporations, venture capital firms and institutional investors.

[Megan Lin](#) (Bellevue) is a member of the Real Estate & Land Use practice. Megan counsels developers, technology companies, real estate investors, and other users of commercial and industrial property on complex

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[Blake B. Schell](#) (Denver) is a member of the Mergers & Acquisitions practice. Blake advises private equity sponsors, senior management, and public and private companies on complex M&A transactions, including acquisitions, divestitures, recapitalizations and leveraged buyouts, joint ventures, and other M&A-based liquidity events. These include both domestic and cross-border transactions.

[Divya Taneja](#) (Seattle) is a member of the Technology Transactions & Privacy Law practice. Divya advises her clients on the structure and negotiation of complex transactions relating to the development, licensing, and distribution of technology and media content. In addition to her transactional work, Divya provides product counseling throughout the product development lifecycle, from business strategy and product launch to commercialization and contract negotiations.

[Ryan Thomas](#) (Bellevue) is a member of the Environment, Energy & Resources practice. Ryan guides clients through complex statutory and regulatory schemes to obtain the approvals necessary to complete their projects. Ryan focuses on commercial and mixed-use development, including large-scale alternative energy projects, public-private partnerships, professional sports facilities, and urban development. Ryan counsels utility clients to achieve regulatory approvals from state utility commissions.

[Anna Mouw Thompson](#) (Seattle) is a member of the Privacy & Security practice. Anna litigates and counsels clients on issues arising under state and federal privacy and data protection laws, including laws addressing biometric data and the collection, use, disclosure, and security of personal information.

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[Mallory Gitt Webster](#) (Seattle) is a member of the Business Litigation practice. Mallory defends companies in mass arbitrations and class-action and commercial disputes involving consumer protection and unfair competition claims; dark patterns in marketing, pricing, and promotions; false advertising; privacy claims; enforcement of companies' terms of service; defective products; breach of contract; and business torts.

[Matthew Stephen Williams](#) (Seattle) is a member of the Patent Prosecution & Portfolio Counseling practice. Matt counsels clients on drafting and prosecuting patent applications across a wide range of technologies, as well as performing diligence, patentability, freedom to operate, and invalidity analyses. He has extensive experience working with medical devices, semiconductors, commercial equipment, transportation, aerospace, machine learning, and nuclear technologies.

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