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Day Pitney Elects Its Largest Class of New Partners

Day Pitney LLP promoted 11 attorneys to partner in the firm's three core departments: Corporate and Business Law, Litigation, and Individual Clients. They also represent clients across the spectrum of practice areas, including Investment Management and Private Funds; Trusts and Estates; Technology, Telecommunications and Outsourcing; Cybersecurity and Data Protection; Intellectual Property and Technology; Healthcare and Life Sciences; Energy and Utilities; Tax; and Complex Commercial Litigation.

"This is the largest partnership class the firm has ever elected, and is a reflection of the extraordinary talent within our firm and our confidence in the firm's future," said Thomas Goldberg, Day Pitney's Managing Partner.

Promoted Partners

Erik A. Bergman (Investment Management and Private Funds; Stamford) represents investment advisers, investment funds, individual and institutional investors, start-up and established businesses, and others in connection with business matters of all types. He advises investment management clients as to fund structuring and formation, preparation and review of offering documents and marketing materials, general partner and investment manager formation and structuring, side letters and other investor agreements. Additionally, Bergman helps clients with distribution and marketing arrangements, service provider agreements, formation and registration of SEC and state-registered investment advisers, development and implementation of compliance programs and procedures, regulatory examinations and ongoing compliance matters. In all areas of his practice, Bergman draws on his substantial, real-world experience to craft practical solutions to complex legal problems. He earned his J.D. from Yale Law School, and his B.A., *highest honors*, from Rutgers University. Bergman is admitted to practice in Connecticut.

Kritika Bharadwaj (Technology, Telecommunications and Outsourcing; Cybersecurity and Data Protection; New York) is a deal lawyer experienced in the commercial and legal aspects that span the life cycle of a business offering—from the inception of a concept to commercialization of the product or service. She regularly represents small to large corporate clients across industries, including technology, life sciences, finance, fashion and consumer products, in complex and strategic technology, corporate and commercial transactions. These transactions range from mergers, acquisitions, joint ventures and financing of companies that are driven by or reliant on technology, data, blockchain and digital assets, or intellectual property, to multiyear, multimillion dollar deals involving the development, licensing or provision of technology, intellectual property and related services. She helps businesses evaluate legal risks in such arrangements, and structures and negotiates the underlying deal terms. Bharadwaj also advises on telecom, data protection and privacy matters, as well as trademark and brand-protection matters. She earned her LL.M. in Intellectual Property Law from The George Washington University Law School; her B.A.L. and LL.B., with First Class, from University Law College, Bangalore University, India; and a Post-Graduate Diploma in Intellectual Property Law from the National Law School of India University. Bharadwaj is dual-qualified to practice in New York and India, and regularly takes on cross-border matters involving both countries.

Andraya Pulaski Brunau (Intellectual Property and Technology; Hartford), a litigator, assists diverse clients in intellectual property disputes and complex commercial, tort and probate disputes, as well as appeals. Brunau represents businesses in trademark, copyright, patent and trade secret disputes in federal courts and in proceedings before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board. She also represents companies, fiduciaries, and individuals in a wide range of litigation in federal and state courts, including claims involving contracts, fiduciary duties, business torts, unfair trade practices, negligence, product liability, real estate, and undue influence and trust construction. Brunau has served clients in the aerospace, toy, wine, financial services, healthcare, life sciences, energy and manufacturing industries. She earned her J.D.,

with honors, from the University of Connecticut School of Law, and her B.A., *magna cum laude*, from Providence College. Brunau is admitted to practice in Connecticut and Massachusetts.

Lynn M. Fountain (Energy and Utilities; Hartford) advises clients on the development, financing, acquisition and divestiture of energy projects and distributed energy resources. She has extensive experience in structuring, drafting and negotiating agreements, including power and REC purchase agreements, engineering, procurement and construction contracts; and operation, maintenance and other service contracts, as well as purchase and sale, joint venture and financing agreements. Previously, Fountain was on the faculty of the University of Connecticut School of Law, where she taught courses in renewable energy law and energy regulation and policy, and developed and managed the Center for Energy and Environmental Law. She earned her J.D., *with honors,* from the University of Connecticut School of Law, and her B.A., *cum laude*, from the University of Rochester. Fountain is admitted to practice in Connecticut and New York.

Justin M. Hannan (Tax; Boston) helps businesses and individuals navigate the complexities of federal, state and international tax planning and compliance. Hannan helps clients structure and form business ventures, including private investment funds, qualified opportunity zone investments, and family offices. He assists both buyers and sellers of closely held businesses, as well as publicly traded companies, with the tax aspects of mergers and acquisitions. Hannan also advises on issues related to qualified small business stock, gifts of carried interest and restructuring partnerships with significant debt and other distressed assets. He earned his LL.M. in Taxation, *with honors*, from the University of San Francisco Law School; his J.D., *cum laude*, from Suffolk University Law School; and his B.S. from the University of Connecticut. Hannan is admitted to practice in Massachusetts.

Erin Magennis Healy (Healthcare and Life Sciences; New Jersey) combines industry knowledge with technical expertise to provide comprehensive legal representation to clients operating in the healthcare and life sciences industries, as well as strategic advice to private equity firms and other investors seeking to evaluate risks in a complicated regulatory landscape. Healy is well-versed on federal and state compliance matters, including fraud and abuse laws, anti-kickback and self-referral laws, FDA regulations and limitations on the use and disclosure of personal information. In addition to helping clients develop and implement comprehensive compliance and training programs, she serves as deal counsel on a wide range of mission-critical transactions including mergers and acquisitions, licensing agreements, research agreements, manufacturing, supply and distribution agreements, and other strategic commercial arrangements. Healy also supports clients on day-to-day legal matters, offering creative and practical advice to help clients achieve commercial goals. She earned her J.D. from Seton Hall University School of Law with a concentration in Health Law, and her B.A. from Cornell University. Healy is admitted to practice in New Jersey and New York.

Sarah B. Jacobson (International Trusts and Estates Planning; Miami) represents high net worth individuals and families in tax, estate planning and trust matters. Her practice is dedicated to assisting global families with some U.S. connection, including foreign families with U.S. beneficiaries and foreign individuals making U.S. investments. Jacobson devises creative strategies to facilitate tax-efficient wealth transfers among U.S. and foreign clients for their wealth worldwide. She has significant experience dealing with complex, international trust issues and routinely provides advice to U.S. beneficiaries and foreign fiduciaries on the related U.S. tax and compliance implications. Jacobson also assists foreign clients with respect to their inbound investments in U.S. real estate. She regularly implements foreign grantor trust structures, provides advice on foreign nongrantor trusts with U.S. beneficiaries, and assists with tax advantageous restructuring through trust domestication. Jacobson earned her LL.M. from the University of Miami School of Law; her J.D. from the University of Miami School of Law; and her B.S., *summa cum laude,* from Florida State University. Jacobson is admitted to practice in Florida.

Naju R. Lathia (White Collar and Commercial Litigation; New Jersey) assists clients in a broad spectrum of areas, from litigating complex commercial matters in state and federal court to conducting sensitive internal and white-collar investigations. She also represents employers in a broad range of matters in state and federal courts, including allegations of discrimination, retaliation, wrongful discharge, and breach of contract. Lathia is also able to provide criminal defense advice and representation to management when employees of clients are either accused of crimes or have crimes committed against them. She also has experience litigating product liability and tort matters. Lathia earned her J.D. from Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, and her B.A., *summa cum laude*, from Rutgers University. She is admitted to practice in New Jersey and New York.

Margaret "Meg" St. John Meehan (Trusts and Estates; Stamford) assists high net worth individuals and their families with estate planning, with an emphasis on minimizing gift, estate, and generation-skipping transfer taxes. Meehan assists in adapting existing trusts to improve their income and estate tax efficiency and utility, in structuring gifts, and in implementing sophisticated tax planning. She also manages all phases of estate administration, including probate, preparation of estate tax returns, and estate tax audits. Meehan advises donors on planned giving, and advises private foundations and public charities on formation, qualification, and governance matters. She earned her J.D., *magna cum laude*, from Quinnipiac University School of Law, and her B.A., *magna cum laude*, from Marist College. Meehan is admitted to practice in Connecticut and New York.

Jordana G. Schreiber (Trusts and Estates; Boston) counsels high net worth individuals and families in the areas of estate, gift and succession planning, will and trust preparation, charitable giving, and estate and trust administration. Schreiber has extensive experience preparing estate-planning documents including wills, revocable trusts, irrevocable life insurance trusts, grantor retained annuity trusts, and qualified personal residence trusts. Her practice includes developing estate and gift tax minimization strategies, generation-skipping transfer tax planning, insurance planning, and philanthropic planning. Schreiber assists clients with probate and trust administration and other general matters relating to daily administration of estate plans. She earned her J.D., *cum laude*, from Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, and her B.A., *summa cum laude*, from the University of Pennsylvania. Schreiber is admitted to practice in Massachusetts and New York.

Georgia A. Thompson (Complex Commercial Litigation; Miami) represents businesses in complex commercial litigation matters in state and federal courts in Florida. Thompson has litigated disputes involving product liability, premises liability, professional malpractice, ADA accessibility, personal injury, negligence, wrongful death, fraud, unfair trade practices, breach of contract, and other business disputes and torts. Thompson has experience serving a number of clients in the financial services, hospitality, telecommunications, consumer goods, and manufacturing industries. She is a Certified County Court Mediator authorized to practice in all Florida judicial circuits. Thompson earned her J.D., *cum laude*, from the University of Florida, Levin College of Law, and her B.S., *summa cum laude*, from the University of Florida. She is admitted to practice in Florida.

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