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Faegre Drinker Welcomes 2023 New Associate Class

Denver — December 18, 2023 — [Faegre Drinker](#) is proud to announce the firm's 2023 new associate class in multiple locations across several of the firm's practice groups. The class includes both judicial clerks and first-year associates.

The associate class participated in an immersive development program as they started their careers with Faegre Drinker. Their first six weeks at the firm were split into two weeks of practical skills training and four weeks of practice-focused substantive training.

Associates participated in interactive programs and learned from panel discussions on various topics, including practice and technical skill proficiency, legal ethics, behavioral competencies, business aspects of a law firm, individual business development and providing excellent client service.

Mentoring is a critical component of Faegre Drinker's development efforts. A partner advisor and associate mentor in the firm are assigned to each new associate to provide support, candid advice and guidance at each stage of the associate's career.

The first-year associates include:

Chicago

- **Noemi Aguirre:** Corporate, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law
- **Bob Bullington:** Investment Management, Loyola University Chicago School of Law
- **Rana Salem:** Corporate, Chicago Kent College of Law
- **Nikolas Spilson:** Product Liability & Mass Torts, Michigan State University College of Law

- **Yuqing Wang:** Intellectual Property, University of Illinois College of Law

Denver

- **Summer Elliot:** Product Liability & Mass Torts, University of California – Berkeley
- **Shelby Pickar-Dennis:** Intellectual Property, University of Colorado Law School
- **Luke Steffe:** Intellectual Property, Indiana University Maurer School of Law

Des Moines, Iowa

- **Amber Crow:** Business Litigation, The University of Iowa College of Law
- **Carlye Patterson:** Product Liability & Mass Torts, Drake University Law School

Florham Park, N.J.

- **Danielle Prebor:** Business Litigation, Rutgers Law School – Newark

Indianapolis

- **Samantha Barnfather:** Labor & Employment, Indiana University McKinney School of Law
- **Emma DeLaney Strenski:** Product Liability & Mass Torts, Indiana University Maurer School of Law
- **John Gilmore:** Real Estate, Indiana University Maurer School of Law
- **Sergio Gonzalez:** Insurance, Indiana University McKinney School of Law
- **Margaret Kieffer:** Business Litigation, University of Illinois College of Law
- **Victoria Blackwell:** Corporate, Indiana University McKinney School of Law
- **Ian Finley:** Corporate, Indiana University Maurer School of Law

London

- **Sinead Cuthill:** Corporate, BPP University

Los Angeles

- **Leah Chrisbacher:** Business Litigation, UCLA School of Law
- **Kaylee Racs:** Business Litigation, ASU – The Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law

Minneapolis

- **Nicholas Arens:** Intellectual Property, Mitchell Hamline School of Law
- **Kevin Green:** Construction & Real Estate Litigation, University of St. Thomas School of Law
- **Mark Kaske:** Corporate, University of Minnesota Law School
- **Jett Malkowski:** Corporate, University of Minnesota Law School
- **Mason Medeiros:** Insurance, University of Minnesota Law School
- **William Morrow:** Business Litigation, University of California – Berkeley
- **Molly Nelson-Ragan:** Business Litigation, University of Minnesota Law School
- **Andrew Taylor:** Business Litigation, Mitchell Hamline School of Law
- **Jayashree Venkateswaran:** Finance & Restructuring, Mitchell Hamline School of Law

New York

- **Grace Polisano:** Corporate, Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law

Philadelphia

- **Edward DeLuca:** Business Litigation, Temple University Beasley School of Law
- **Kareem Elsheryie:** Corporate, Seton Hall Law School
- **Sophia Gardell:** Business Litigation, Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law
- **Caroline Keefe:** Corporate, Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law
- **Maureen O'Kane:** Insurance, Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law
- **Tyler Romero:** Corporate, Temple University Beasley School of Law

- **Marshall Wilkinson:** Labor & Employment, Temple University Beasley School of Law

Washington, D.C.

- **John Evans:** Government & Regulatory Affairs, The George Washington University Law School
- **Kennedy McGuire:** Health Care, University of Virginia School of Law
- **Katrina Meyer:** Business Litigation, University of Virginia School of Law
- **Andrew Scarafile:** Business Litigation, University of Notre Dame Law School

The former judicial clerks include:

Chicago

- **Joseph Deloney:** Product Liability & Mass Torts, Indiana University McKinney School of Law
- **Stacy Massey:** Business Litigation, University of Iowa College of Law
- **Jacqueline McDonnell:** Product Liability & Mass Torts, Loyola University Chicago School of Law

Des Moines

- **Joseph Quinn:** Product Liability & Mass Torts, Nebraska College of Law
- **Marcus Weymiller:** Product Liability & Mass Torts, University of Iowa College of Law

Fort Myers

- **Andrew Koehler:** Product Liability & Mass Torts, Ave Maria School of Law

Indianapolis

- **Addison Zielinski:** Business Litigation, Indiana University McKinney School of Law

Minneapolis

- **Tara Baker:** Product Liability & Mass Torts, Mitchell Hamline School of Law
- **Frances Daniels:** Product Liability & Mass Torts, University of Minnesota Law School

New York

- **Harrison Baker:** Business Litigation, Boston College of Law
- **Rebekah Katherine Salas Mercer:** Business Litigation, Stanford Law School

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