



Brownstein Announces Eight New Shareholder and Attorney Promotions

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Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck announced today eight new promotions, including six new shareholders: **David Curfman** (Denver), **Dulcinea Hanuschak** (Denver), **Emily Holmes** (Denver), **Carrie Johnson** (Denver), **Melissa Kuipers Blake** (Denver) and **Alisa Nave-Worth** (Las Vegas); one of counsel, **Adam McMillen** (Reno); and one senior policy advisor and counsel, **Sarah Clark** (Denver).

Founded in 1968, Brownstein practices in the areas of corporate, litigation, natural resources, public policy and real estate. With more than 250 attorneys and legislative consultants in offices across the western U.S. and in Washington, D.C., and Atlantic City, the firm works in industries ranging from health care, real estate, hospitality, private equity and telecommunications, to technology, construction, energy, banking and finance, water and gaming.

David Curfman is a member of the firm's real estate department and has significant experience advising clients seeking to acquire or sell real estate assets ranging from individual properties to multi-state portfolios. He also represents private equity and institutional lenders, as well as borrowers, in originating a variety of loan products, including securitized, bridge and construction financing for different asset types across the nation.

Dulcinea Hanuschak practices natural resources law, with a particular focus on water and environmental litigation and transactions. She represents municipal, corporate, non-profit and individual clients in administrative proceedings, litigation and appeals in both state and federal court, and in water contract negotiations. She has provided legal representation in water, public land, and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) cases. Hanuschak practices Colorado water law regularly on both the front range and western slope.

Emily Holmes, of the firm's intellectual property department, helps clients develop, protect and enforce their intellectual property rights in the United States and internationally. With a focus on protecting her clients' interests while fostering growth in their businesses, Holmes also frequently drafts and negotiates intellectual property agreements and advises on advertising and promotional materials.

A member of the litigation department, **Carrie Johnson** is a strategic litigator focused on resolving disputes involving complex contractual issues, securities, fraud and breach of fiduciary duties, giving her a rounded skillset with which to meet all of her clients' needs. Johnson approaches complex business disputes by building relationships and open lines of communication with all parties involved. Her aggressive yet proactive approach to litigation gives her the ability to navigate complex disputes integral to the future of her clients' businesses.

Melissa Kuipers Blake is a leading lobbyist and seasoned strategist in the firm's government relations department. Kuipers Blake leads negotiations for her clients between the Senate, House of Representatives and Governor and is known for her issue knowledge, political strategy development and campaign fundraising prowess. Kuipers Blake regularly provides commentary to media on a variety of legislative issues and is often tapped to speak at state and national conferences. She also serves as chair of the firm's Emerging Regulated Industries (ERI) practice group which assists state and local governments and employers throughout the country as they navigate the complex world of medical and recreational marijuana legalization.

Alisa Nave-Worth, a member of the firm's government relations department, has spent over a decade at the nexus of politics and government affairs. A Nevada native, she has extensive legal, political and public policy experience in the state, which she brings to bear implementing and advocating legislative strategies before state and local agencies for a wide range of corporate clients. Nave-Worth brings strong relationships with lawmakers and regulators and a reputation for honesty and integrity to her clients.

Working in both of the litigation and intellectual property departments, **Adam McMillen** has experience leading complex business and patent infringement cases from beginning to end in state and federal courts. McMillen designs his litigation strategy with an eye for his clients' business goals as well as the dynamic legal environment of intellectual property enforcement.

Sarah Clark, a member of the government relations department, draws on her past experience as a litigator, local elected official and political appointee to help her clients leverage the opportunity for policy solutions to their legal problems. Known as a creative, efficient and pragmatic problem-solver, Clark regularly navigates and resolves complex and novel issues before state and local governments by facilitating negotiations with government officials or by passing legislation that accomplishes her clients' goals.

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