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Taft Elects Eight New Partners

Indianapolis, Ind. (Jan. 2, 2018) Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP announces that the following eight attorneys have been elected to the firm's partnership:

- **Zach Gordon** / Business & Finance / Indianapolis
- **B. Ronan Johnson** / Business & Finance / Indianapolis
- **Chou-il Lee** / Litigation / Indianapolis
- **Erin Lynch Cordier** / Business & Finance / Chicago
- **Sarah Clay Leyshock** / Employment / Cincinnati
- **Antonia Mitroussia** / Employment, Business Immigration / Cincinnati
- **Daniel R. Saeedi** / Litigation / Chicago
- **Jeffrey M. Schieber** / Litigation / Chicago



Zach Gordon represents clients of all sizes, including individuals, private equity funds, large multi-national corporations and closely-held and family-owned businesses, in matters ranging from general “day-to-day” commercial transactions to complex transactions involving mergers, acquisitions and recapitalizations. In addition, his intellectual property prosecution practice includes trademark and copyright matters in the United States and abroad. Gordon received his B.A. from Southern Methodist University and earned his J.D. from the Southern Methodist University, Dedman School of Law. He has been honored as an Indiana *Super Lawyers* Rising Star (2017-2018).



B. Ronan Johnson represents private equity funds, large multi-national corporations and closely-held and family-owned businesses in complex transactions involving mergers, acquisitions and recapitalizations. He also advises growth stage and mature companies in connection with securing debt and equity financing, counsels business clients on general

corporate matters and acts as outside general counsel for a number of local companies. Johnson received his B.A. in economics from the University of California at San Diego and earned his J.D. from the Washington University School of Law in St. Louis. He has been honored as an Indiana *Super Lawyers* Rising Star (2016-2018) and was selected as an Indianapolis Business Journal Forty Under 40 class member in 2016.



Chou-il Lee concentrates his practice on all matters involving litigation and municipal representation. Having worked for multiple Indiana counties, cities and towns in a variety of positions before joining Taft, including serving eight years as corporation counsel for the city of Terre Haute, he understands the practical challenges faced by all branches of municipal government and the attorneys who represent them. Outside of the municipal market, Lee is an experienced litigator. He served as a trial deputy prosecutor for both Vigo and Clay County and has extensive jury trial experience. His trial experience extends beyond criminal prosecution to include criminal defense, patent litigation and representation of large corporate clients in the courtroom, as well as the various municipal matters that result in litigation. Lee received his undergraduate degree from Case Western Reserve University and his J.D. from the Indiana University Maurer School of Law – Bloomington.



Erin Lynch Cordier focuses her practice in the area of gaming, where she has experience representing casino owners, terminal operators, manufacturers, suppliers, distributors and licensed establishments. She counsels publicly traded and private companies regarding mergers and acquisitions, financing transactions and corporate governance, as well as licensing, compliance, administrative proceedings and other matters before the various regulatory bodies. Cordier received her B.A., *magna cum laude*, from Villanova University and earned her J.D., *magna cum laude*, from DePaul University College of Law. She was honored as an Illinois *Super Lawyers* Rising Star in 2017.



Sarah Clay Leyshock represents employers in all types of matters involving state and federal employment laws. With significant experience in the higher education, hospital, restaurant and staffing industries, she regularly defends employers in state and federal courts, conducts employee misconduct investigations, provides personnel and risk management advice, drafts employment policies and legal documents and resolves charges of discrimination filed with the EEOC. Leyshock received her B.A. in communication arts and psychology,

magna cum laude, from Georgetown College and earned her J.D. from Northern Kentucky University Salmon P. Chase College of Law. She has been honored as an Ohio *Super Lawyers* Rising Star (2014-2018).



Antonia Mitroussia's immigration practice focuses on counseling domestic and multi-national employers on foreign recruitment strategies and immigration compliance, including how to best manage their foreign labor force, transfer employees from abroad and hire new foreign professionals in the U.S. She represents clients on complex employment-based and related family-based immigration law transactions through multiple federal adjudicative stages that include U.S. embassies and consulates (U.S. Department of State) and the U.S. Departments of Labor and Homeland Security. Mitroussia attended the University of Athens, Greece, and received her B.A., *summa cum laude*, from the University of Cincinnati, her M.A. from the University of Cincinnati and her J.D. from the University of Cincinnati College of Law.



Daniel R. Saeedi focuses his practice on labor and employment law and corporate litigation. He has represented governmental and private clients in workplace discrimination litigation, class action defense, policy formulation and litigation regarding employment agreements. In his corporate practice, he has represented directors, officers and shareholders in a wide range of corporate and securities-related disputes. Saeedi received his B.A. in political science from the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana and his J.D., *magna cum laude*, from The John Marshall Law School. He has been honored as an Illinois *Super Lawyers* Rising Star (2014-2018).



Jeffrey M. Schieber focuses his practice on commercial litigation and class actions. He represents clients in business litigation matters, including breach of contract, fraud, trade secret misappropriation and employment disputes. He also represents municipalities in civil rights class actions and has substantial experience defending consumer fraud class actions and mass torts. In addition to his litigation practice, Schieber counsels companies and entrepreneurs on entity formation and corporate governance issues. Schieber graduated with honors from the University of Chicago Law School after receiving bachelor's degrees in politics and history from Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, where he graduated *magna cum laude*.

About Taft

At Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP, delivering outstanding legal performance to help clients succeed is what drives and motivates our more than 400 attorneys every day. Taft has offices in Ann Arbor, Mich.; Chicago, Ill.; Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton and Delaware, Ohio; Indianapolis, Ind.; Covington, Ky.; and Phoenix, Ariz. The firm practices across a wide range of industries, in virtually every area of law, including Business and Finance; Litigation; Labor and Employment; Intellectual Property; Business Restructuring, Bankruptcy and Creditor Rights; Environmental; Health and Life Sciences; Private Client Services; Real Estate; and Tax. With a proven track record of experience since 1885, the firm offers breadth and depth of legal expertise coupled with a trusted business perspective to help our clients reach their goals. For more information, please visit www.taftlaw.com.

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