

Winston & Strawn Announces New Executive Committee Members

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CHICAGO – Winston & Strawn LLP today announced the election of nine new partners to the firm's 27-member Executive Committee. With these additions, women and minority partners will compose one-third of the committee.

"We are pleased to welcome a talented group of new leaders to the firm's Executive Committee," Tom Fitzgerald, Winston's chairman, said. "Their considerable skills and experience will guide Winston's global strategy and help drive our continued success. We look forward to their contributions as we thank our outgoing Executive Committee members for their outstanding service and leadership."

Partners are elected to Winston's Executive Committee, in accordance with the firm's partnership agreement, every three years. Almost half of the newly elected Executive Committee members are women, and many have key leadership roles on diversity and inclusion initiatives and committees within the firm and in the legal industry.

"Our new committee reflects Winston's commitment to diversity and inclusion, which makes us a stronger, more dynamic firm. We remain focused on building an inclusive culture in which all talented individuals feel welcome to practice, collaborate, and continue their professional development," added Michael Elkin, the firm's vice-chair.

The new group of Winston Executive Committee members represent a number of Winston offices and are widely recognized as leading attorneys in their respective areas:

Kobi Kennedy Brinson is chair of Winston's Diversity & Inclusion Committee. She defends financial service industry and other clients in government regulatory enforcement inquiries and investigations, as well as class action litigation. Kobi has spent more than 20 years defending corporate clients as in-house counsel for some of the nation's largest financial institutions and as outside counsel to corporate clients nationwide.

Peter Crowther is managing partner of Winston's London and Brussels offices. He advises companies in a wide range of cartel and merger proceedings, EU law, trade sanctions, investigations and associated litigation before European and national courts, with a particular focus on regulated industries and sports.

Eva Davis serves as co-chair of Winston's Private Equity Practice and concentrates on U.S. and cross-border complex business transactions. Eva has counseled domestic and international clients in public and private M&A

transactions, and debt and equity financing transactions, including initial public offerings and distressed sales and bankruptcy investments.

Paula Hinton is chair of Winston’s Global Women’s Leadership Initiative and 2018 recipient of Texas Lawyer’s Professional Excellence Lifetime Achievement Award for her trial work and leadership within the profession. She is a trial lawyer who handles high-stakes litigation, representing clients before trial courts across the country, administrative agencies and in arbitration forums to resolve a variety of disputes, including those concerning general business issues, business torts, environmental issues, energy-related litigation, trade secrets and consumer class-actions.

Timothy Kincaid focuses on private equity transactions and M&A. He has represented corporations, private equity funds, privately-held companies and investment banks in documenting and negotiating acquisition and sale transactions, capital-raising transactions, and equity investments. He also counsels clients on day-to-day corporate and limited liability company matters including entity formation, contracts, and corporate governance. Tim also serves as chairman of the Winston & Strawn Foundation Committee.

Talbert Navia is co-chair of Winston’s Latin America Practice. Recognized by *Latinvex* as a “Top 100 Lawyer” in Latin America, he has more than 25 years of experience representing U.S. and Latin America-based corporate and private equity clients in M&A, joint ventures, financings, capital markets, PPP, corporate restructurings and corporate and securities compliance (including FCPA). He represents leading companies and funds in the energy, renewable energy, oil and gas, telecommunications, hotels, financial services, construction, real estate and consumer products industries. Talbert was also the founder and co-head of investments at two private equity funds focusing on the U.S. and Latin America.

David Rogers focuses on employee benefits matters, including all areas of qualified and nonqualified retirement plans, health and welfare plans, executive compensation, and executive employment agreements. He represents publicly traded companies, as well as large hospital systems in all areas of ERISA compliance and governance. David serves as co-managing partner of the firm’s Washington, D.C. office.

Laurae Rossi represents both lenders and sponsors in energy project financings, energy tax equity partnerships, and acquisitions particularly in connection with projects involving renewable energy sources. She has worked on a number of renewable energy projects involving wind, ethanol, solar, and geothermal power across the U.S. and was named “Project Finance Attorney of 2016” by *Project Finance & Risk*.

Joel Rubinstein chairs Winston’s capital markets practice, and represents issuers, underwriters, and selling stockholders in underwritten initial public offerings (IPOs) and follow-on offerings of securities, as well as private placements and registered direct offerings. Joel is a recognized leader in IPOs and business combination transactions involving special purpose acquisition companies (SPACs). He also represents sponsors of private investment funds in the formation of a variety of private investment vehicles, as well as investors in such vehicles.

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