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Hinshaw Adds Seasoned Insurance Partner in New Orleans

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Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP today announced that Erin Parkinson has joined the firm as a partner in the New Orleans office. Formerly with McGlinchey Stafford, Parkinson, licensed both in Louisiana and Texas, represents companies in state and federal courts in reinsurance and insurance coverage and defense litigation matters in a wide range of areas, including asbestos, environmental law, aviation, and product liability issues.

"Louisiana is a unique and important jurisdiction for insurers," said Scott Seaman, co-chair of Hinshaw's Global Insurance Services Practice Group. "It is extremely helpful to our national clients to have experienced and knowledgeable Louisiana counsel to navigate the state and federal courts. Having grown up and practiced her entire career in Louisiana, Erin will provide a great benefit to our clients in evaluating coverage issues and in litigation in that venue."

An experienced trial attorney, Parkinson has garnered a reputation for creative solutions in and out of the court room, often resolving matters through arbitration and mediation. She has significant experience in the asbestos industry, handling litigation for energy and chemical companies in that sector. Parkinson also defends insurers against coverage claims related to directors' and officers' liability, general liability and standard auto, environmental, pollution and cyber policies.

Parkinson recently retired after 29 years at McGlinchey, where she began as a 1L summer associate. Not ready to leave the practice of law, she decided to join Hinshaw as her "second act." She joins former McGlinchey colleagues Lauren Campisi, Stephen P. Strohschein, Stewart Spielman, Eric J. Simonson and Heather Alexis LaSalle, who joined the firm in Louisiana last summer, and Kyle Ferachi and Stephanie Laird Tolson, who joined Hinshaw in Texas in January.

"Joining Hinshaw allows me to return to my roots," Parkinson said. "Hinshaw has one of the premier national practices in insurance coverage and insurance defense, providing me with the perfect platform to expand the reach of services available to Hinshaw's insurance clients in both Louisiana and Texas. I have worked as local counsel in Louisiana many times with Hinshaw lawyers and clients and I could not be more thrilled to be starting the second chapter of my career with this team. I am also excited to introduce my clients in the areas of toxic tort, aviation and premises and product liability to the talented team of lawyers at Hinshaw in these same sectors and know that my clients will benefit from the collaborative approach that appears to be instrumental to Hinshaw's

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Complex Tort & General
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successes."

In addition, Parkinson said Hinshaw's focus on advancing diverse attorneys and women is important to her. She was a member of McGlinchey's diversity committee and head of its Women's Initiative Network, and plans to be an active participant in Hinshaw's programs.

Parkinson received her B.A., *magna cum laude*, in political science from Loyola University New Orleans, and her J.D., *magna cum laude*, from Loyola University New Orleans College of Law.