



## News

### Hinshaw Announces Election of 15 New Partners In Ten U.S. Offices

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U.S. law firm Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP is pleased to announce the election of 15 attorneys as new partners, effective January 1, 2022. The new partners are based in ten Hinshaw offices across the country and represent a wide range of practice areas.

"We're pleased to announce our 2022 partner class," said Hinshaw Chairman Peter Sullivan. "Although the past year continued to present unprecedented challenges, these attorneys went above and beyond to find creative solutions in their efforts to provide our clients with the highest levels of service. It is extremely gratifying to work with this talented and committed group."

The new Hinshaw partners are:

#### Boston

##### **Daniel Conte (Insurance Services)**

Daniel represents insurance companies in complex insurance coverage litigation matters involving duties to defend, property damage and bodily injury claims, allegations of bad faith and unfair settlement practices, and risk management techniques. He also specializes in the defense of professionals and businesses in malpractice litigation and disciplinary proceedings. Daniel regularly represents registered investment advisers and broker-dealers in both litigation and the FINRA arbitration forum arising out of allegations of sales practice violations, improper investment advice, securities fraud and similar issues.

#### Chicago

##### **Michael Adams (Personal Injury & Property Damage)**

Michael represents clients in complex matters involving product liability, commercial disputes, construction litigation, and high-value claims for personal injuries and damage to property. His experience ranges from business disputes to breach of contract and warranty, to conversion, fraud, and wrongful repossession of collateral.

##### **Thaddeus Harrell (Labor & Employment)**

Thaddeus provides representation in disputes on all aspects of the employment relationship, spanning from hire through termination, disability considerations, misclassification issues, employee misconduct, and other disciplinary matters.

#### Attorneys

Michael P. Adams  
Dustin C. Alonzo  
Alexander M. Baggio  
Dana B. Briganti  
Daniel R. Conte  
Jennifer L. Fisher  
Logan G. Haine-Roberts  
Peter A. Hernandez  
Jenelle E. La Chuisa  
Kellie L. Mazzarella  
Brent M. Reitter  
André D. Sesler  
April K. Toy

#### Offices

Boston  
Chicago  
Ft. Lauderdale  
Miami  
Milwaukee  
Minneapolis  
New Orleans  
New York  
Rockford  
Schererville  
Tampa

**Connie Mayer (Commercial Transactions)**

Connie Mayer helps lenders and borrowers navigate a variety of business and commercial transactions. She works with her clients to achieve their objectives while efficiently completing transactions. Connie represents commercial lending institutions and entities of all sizes, forming connections with each client in order to learn how to best serve their individual needs. Armed with diverse experience and knowledge, whether it is a merger, acquisition, corporate governance issue, lending question, or matter related to Employee Stock Ownership Plans (ESOP), Connie is equipped to assist.

**Kellie Mazzarella (Personal Injury & Property Damage)**

Kellie defends physicians, corporations, and health care institutions, including hospitals and nursing homes in civil litigation cases involving malpractice.

**Ft. Lauderdale****Jenelle La Chuisa (Insurance Services)**

Jenelle represents clients in international and domestic disputes involving insurance coverage, first-party property insurance, business contracts, and alleged fraud and conspiracy. She has litigated coverage disputes arising out of property, casualty, professional liability and builder's risk policies. An arbitrator and advocate for clients in arbitration, she advises on best practices for dispute resolution provisions and arbitration agreements.

**Miami****Logan Haine-Roberts (Insurance Services)**

Logan Haine-Roberts represents clients in commercial insurance coverage litigation and advises on matters involving bad faith.

**Peter Hernandez (Financial Services)**

Peter defends financial institutions in litigation involving the FDCPA, TCPA, Electronic Funds Transfer Act, Florida Consumer Collection Practices Act, and Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act. He also helps clients with regulatory compliance. Peter previously served as assistant counsel for a global credit card company.

**Milwaukee****April Toy (Business Litigation)**

April defends businesses, insurance companies, and individuals in personal injury, premises liability, construction defect, insurance coverage, bad faith litigation, and other disputes.

**Minneapolis****Alexander Baggio (Labor & Employment)**

Alexander is a litigator representing businesses in commercial litigation, labor and employment disputes, and ERISA and non-ERISA life, health and disability matters.

**New Orleans****Dustin Alonzo (Financial Services)**

Dustin advises clients nationwide on compliance with state and federal laws governing a variety of consumer financial products, including automotive and personal property finance companies, online lenders, trade associations, and community banks. He has particular experience assisting lenders and servicers with regulatory compliance of state and federal lending, licensing, and debt collection laws, such as TILA, FDCPA, and TCPA.



## New York City

### **Dana Briganti (Financial Services)**

Dana defends financial institutions, lenders, and mortgage loan servicers in consumer and class action litigation. She also counsels on regulatory compliance and advises on consumer finance and mortgage-related litigation.

### **Brent Reitter (Financial Services)**

Brent represents clients in financial services, insurance, copyright and trademark, and commercial litigation. He is particularly experienced representing mortgage lenders, servicers, and investors in mortgage fraud and predatory lending and in handling claims—including class actions—involving state and federal consumer protection statutes.

## NW Indiana

### **Jennifer Fisher (Financial Services)**

Jennifer represents clients in disputes involving lending and servicing, personal injuries and property damage, and legal malpractice.

## Tampa

### **André Sesler (Insurance Services)**

André is a civil litigator who advises insurers and policyholders on insurance coverage and claim-related issues. His extensive litigation experience includes the defense of clients in areas of professional liability, product liability, health care, premises liability, general liability defense, as well as claims of negligence, strict liability, first and third-party bad faith, and wrongful death.