

Stinson Elects Nine New Partners in 2022

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Stinson LLP has elected nine attorneys, across four offices, to the firm's partnership effective January 1, 2022.

"We are very pleased and proud to announce the election of an outstanding class of new partners in our firm," said Managing Partner [Allison Murdock](#). "We look forward to our new partners helping drive the success of our firm for many years to come."

The new partners, by office, are:

DENVER

[Jonah Brotman](#) is a real estate and public finance attorney who advises investors, developers and community development entities on finances nationwide. Brotman collaborates with and represents project teams to structure, negotiate and close complex transactions. He has knowledge of new markets tax credits, historic rehabilitation tax credits, renewable energy tax credits and opportunity funds. Brotman's experience provides his clients with the tools to navigate the unique structuring and compliance implications of transactions in federal and state tax credit projects. Outside the firm, he is a member of the Think 360 Arts for Learning Board of Directors. Brotman earned his LL.M from New York University Law School and his J.D. from Washington University in St. Louis School of Law.

KANSAS CITY

[Sam Butler](#) works with business associates and employers across industries and counsels them on their obligations under various laws, such as ERISA, HIPAA, COBRA and the Affordable Care Act. Butler also represents clients in Internal Revenue Service and Department of Labor examinations. He works with his clients to start, amend and terminate qualified retirement plans, including defining benefit plans, employee stock ownership plans, and advises on all aspects of nonqualified deferred compensation and

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compliance and equity compensation arrangements. Butler was selected to the 2021, 2022 *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America* list for achieving outstanding professional excellence in his practice. Butler serves on the Heart of America Tax Institute Steer Committee, and is a member of both the Kansas and Missouri Bar and the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association. He earned his J.D. from University of Kansas School of Law.

Chris Frantze is a real estate attorney who assists purchasers, sellers, lenders, landlords and tenants. Frantze focuses his practice on developing strategies and negotiating complex agreements related to sales transactions, leasing, public incentives, corporate mergers and acquisitions. He has both national and regional experience, representing real estate investment trusts and commercial mortgage-backed securities borrowers. Outside of Stinson, Frantze serves on the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society leadership committee and is a member of the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce, Heart of America Boy Scouts of America council, American Bar Association and the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association. Frantze earned his J.D., *with highest honors*, from University of Oklahoma College of Law.

Matt Moderson assists clients in commercial litigation and focuses on business torts, financial services and construction disputes. He has a national practice and, with co-counsel, has litigated in judicial forums and arbitration across the country. He also regularly consults with Stinson's real estate, environmental and corporate finance attorneys. Prior to joining Stinson, Moderson worked as corporate counsel at a national engineering firm headquartered in Kansas City. Outside of his work at the firm, Moderson's community involvement includes serving on the Newhouse Shelter Board of Directors, and he has been named a Kansas City 2022 Visionary of the Year candidate for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Moderson earned his J.D., *cum laude*, from University of Missouri-Kansas City Law School.

MINNEAPOLIS

Micah Revell advises clients on complex energy, environmental and natural resources matters, focusing on renewable energy development. He counsels developers, utilities, investors and other clients on ongoing operations, acquisitions and divestitures, land use and environmental compliance, and various interconnection and project agreement issues. He also represents developers and other clients in proceedings before state utilities commissions and state and federal courts. Outside of Stinson, he is a member of both the Kentucky and Minnesota Bar Association's Environmental, Natural Resources and Energy Law section, The Foundation for Natural Resources and Energy Law and a member of the Energy Bar Association. Revell earned his J.D., *with honors*, from Emory University School of Law.

Aalok Sharma is an entertainment and sports lawyer with experience in bet-the-company litigation, business litigation, construction litigation and products liability litigation. Additionally, he has extensive experience managing protracted litigation in sports, construction, finance, health care, automotive, retail and manufacturing industries. Sharma counsels his clients on matters relating to the future of sports, including esports, sports technology, legalized sports wagering and integrity. He also assists businesses in

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matters relating to debt restructuring, gains and losses and footnote disclosure related to uncertain tax positions. Outside the firm, Sharma is a passionate fan, serving the sports community as a Minnesota Twins Community Fund board member, a Sports Lawyers Association outreach captain and public relations committee member and is a mentor for Sports Tech Tokyo. Sharma earned his J.D., *magna cum laude*, from University of Minnesota.

Bill Thomson defends insurers and other businesses in complex, multistate class actions, corporate governance, shareholder disputes and financial services matters. He has experience representing banks and other financial institutions in major lending litigation. Thomson was selected to the 2021, 2022 *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America* list for achieving outstanding professional excellence in his practice. Thomson is a member of the Minnesota State Bar Association and the Hennepin County Bar Association. Thomson earned his J.D., *with high honors*, from University of Chicago Law School.

ST. LOUIS

Julie Scheipeter is an intellectual property and trademark attorney who represents plaintiffs and defendants in trademark, trade secret, copyright, patent and false advertising cases in federal courts nationwide. Scheipeter provides strong advocacy skills to help her clients protect their brands through trademark prosecution and enforcement. Scheipeter was selected to 2021, 2022 *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America* list, for achieving outstanding professional excellence in her practice and Missouri *Super Lawyers*® Rising Star list. She is a member of the Women Lawyers' Association of Greater St. Louis and the Rockhurst University, St. Louis Alumni Advisory Council. Scheipeter earned her J.D., *magna cum laude*, from St. Louis University School of Law.

Ben Woodard is a litigator with extensive trial experience. Woodard represents clients in employment matters, False Claims Act cases, alleged bad faith insurance cases, product liability lawsuits and commercial disputes. His experience provides him with an in-depth understanding of multiple areas of the law and stages of litigation and judicial decision-making. Woodard was selected to the 2021, 2022 *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America* list for achieving outstanding professional excellence in his practice. Outside the firm, Woodard is a junior board member for Young Leaders of Barnes Jewish Hospital and is a 2021-2022 participant for FOCUS St. Louis, Leadership St. Louis Program. Woodard earned his J.D., *magna cum laude*, from St. Louis University School of Law.

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