

# Cozen O'Connor Names Seven New Shareholders

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Cozen O'Connor promoted seven members to shareholder of the firm: David Barron (Houston), Melissa Brill (New York), Bryan Campbell (Seattle), Blake Coblentz (Washington, D.C.), Martin Gusy (New York), James Schultz (Philadelphia) and Matthew Weinstein (Philadelphia).

"Throughout their careers, each of these attorneys has demonstrated a remarkable commitment to the legal industry, our firm and our clients," said Michael J. Heller, president and chief executive officer of Cozen O'Connor. "We are very proud of their accomplishments and are pleased to acknowledge their hard work with this promotion."

**David Barron** focuses his litigation practice on labor and employment law. Barron assists his clients with all their labor and employment needs, including representing clients at trials involving wrongful termination, discrimination, harassment, collective action overtime claims and whistle-blower suits before a variety of state and federal courts.

**Melissa Brill** represents major professional liability, property and general liability insurers in complex insurance coverage and bad faith litigation throughout the country. Brill counsels and represents insurers in a wide variety of coverage disputes, including complex commercial matters, bank failures, mass toxic torts, September 11 and hurricane losses.

**Bryan Campbell's** practice focuses primarily on catastrophic property claims, energy claims, product liability, construction defect, maritime and general insurance matters. He has experience litigating claims for insurance companies and has tried more than 15 cases to verdict.

**Blake Coblentz** concentrates his practice in complex patent cases for clients in the biotechnology and pharmaceutical industries. Coblentz is a registered patent attorney and focuses his practice on the representation of pharmaceutical companies in the areas of Paragraph IV design strategies, Hatch-Waxman litigation and biosimilar market opportunities.

**Martin Gusy** is chair of the firm's International Arbitration practice group. He has more than a decade of international dispute resolution, litigation and corporate experience. Gusy focuses on international arbitration and complex cross-border litigation involving private parties and sovereigns. Gusy also advises on corporate matters for European businesses entering and operating in the U.S. marketplace.

**James Schultz** is chair of the Government Law and Regulatory Affairs practice group. Schultz represents clients across a broad spectrum of highly regulated industries, including health care, insurance, energy, warehousing and logistics, and technology. He has also represented businesses on complex commercial litigation matters. Schultz previously served as general counsel of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, a position that he was appointed to by Governor Tom Corbett.

**Matthew Weinstein** has extensive experience representing real estate developers together with the owners of shopping centers, office and warehouse/industrial projects in all aspects of the acquisition, development, financing, leasing and disposition of commercial property. Weinstein's experience includes representation of many local, regional and national tenants and landlords in negotiating retail, office and warehouse/industrial leasing space in shopping centers, office complexes, industrial sites, technology parks and incubation centers.

"We take the selection of shareholder each year very seriously," said Vincent R. McGuinness, Jr., managing partner at Cozen O'Connor. "These lawyers have demonstrated that they know what it will take to continue our firm's growth and success."

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