

Peckar & Abramson, P.C. Welcomes Warren E. Friedman and Jesse S. Keene to the Firm's Partnership

Firm Also Announces New Promotions to its Executive Committee, Miami Office Leadership and its International Dispute Resolution Practice, and New Senior Counsel and Senior Associates

NEW YORK, NY- January 4, 2017 — Peckar & Abramson, P.C. (P&A) is pleased to announce that **Warren E. Friedman** and **Jesse S. Keene** have been elevated to the firm's Partnership.

The firm also announced that **Paul Monte**, Co-Managing Partner of P&A's New York office, has been named to the firm's Executive Committee. **Adam P. Handfinger** has been elevated to Co-Managing Partner of the firm's Miami office, and New York office Co-Managing Partner **Gregory H. Chertoff** will assume two additional key roles for the firm, Co-Chair of the Associates and Senior Counsel Committee, and Chair of the firm's International Dispute Resolution Practice Group. Additionally, **Jerry P. Brodsky**, leader of the firm's Latin American practice will serve as Vice-Chair of that practice group.

P&A has also announced the elevation of five attorneys to the position of Senior Counsel: **Christopher M. Bletsch**, **Monique S. Cardenas**, **K. Stefan Chin**, **Alexander X. Saunders**, and **Rashmee Sinha** and the promotion of three attorneys to senior associate: **Levi Barrett**, **Meredith N. Reynolds**, and **Christopher M. Sweeney**.

In announcing the new promotions, P&A Chairman, **Steven M. Charney**, congratulated the attorneys and expounded upon the firm's decision to name new partners, stating "Each year we have the pleasure of recognizing the growth and development of our dedicated attorneys. P&A is deeply committed to the continuing development of a strong and capable team of attorneys who serve our clients with the excellence and commitment to client service for which P&A is known. This same team will lead our firm in the coming decades and generations. Marking the evolution of these attorneys as they reach milestones in their careers is not only significant for these individual lawyers. It stands as a statement of the strong future being built by our firm."

The firm is also pleased to announce the promotion of **Luis E. Alvarez** to the role of Director of Information Technology for the firm. Charney remarked, "Luis' dedication to capitalizing on the benefits of new and emerging legal technology has served our clients and our firm well. We look forward to his collaboration with our Information Technology Committee and its increasing contribution to the client experience at P&A."



About Warren E. Friedman

Warren Friedman focuses his practice on construction law and real estate counseling and litigation. Mr. Friedman places particular emphasis on providing strategic business counseling to his clients designed to prevent costly disputes before they arise. His clients include contractors, construction managers, owner/developers, institutions, lenders and sureties on both private and public projects. Mr. Friedman also has extensive experience with licensure issues, surety relations, negotiating and drafting various contract documents, monitoring the construction process during construction, regulatory compliance and counseling clients through project administration.



About Jesse S. Keene

Recently selected for inclusion on Super Lawyers' list of Rising Stars, Jesse S. Keene is an experienced litigator focusing on construction, government contracts, and commercial law. As a partner in Peckar & Abramson's Washington, DC office, Mr. Keene has successfully tried numerous cases in state and federal courts, administrative boards, and arbitral panels. Mr. Keene earned his Bachelor of Arts degree, with honors, from Washington State University, where he was elected student body president and represented 17,000 undergraduate students from four statewide campuses before the state legislature, legislative committees on higher education, and the University Board of Regents and Administration. Mr. Keene later attended the Gonzaga University School of Law where he received his Juris Doctor and served on the Gonzaga Law Review editorial board.



About Paul Monte

Paul Monte is a Co-Managing Partner of the firm's New York office and now serves on the firm's Executive Committee. He has extensive project management, trial, arbitration, mediation, Dispute Resolution Board (DRB), and appeals experience. Mr. Monte represents many of the nation's and New York area's leading civil infrastructure contractors and design-builders in commercial disputes, claims, and transactions involving bridges, tunnels, highways, industrial process and power plants, sewage treatment plants, utilities, railroads, and high-rise and institutional buildings.



About Adam P. Handfinger

Adam Handfinger is a Partner at P&A and now Co-Managing Partner of the Miami office. He focuses his practice on construction law and commercial litigation matters, representing construction professionals in issues relating to contract negotiation, project management, payment, bond claims, and the project closeout process, as well as the litigation of disputes. Mr. Handfinger's experience includes settlement negotiations at all stages of construction projects, and he has worked to resolve disputes with vendors and suppliers, subcontractors, payment and performance bond sureties, liability insurers, lenders and owners.



About Gregory H. Chertoff

Greg Chertoff is a Co-Managing Partner of the New York office and specializes in construction law, regularly counseling general contractors, construction managers, engineering procurement and construction (EPC) contractors and owners on contract negotiations, risk management and disputes. Mr. Chertoff's practice emphasizes resolving complex construction disputes through negotiation, mediation, and, when

necessary, arbitration and litigation, on projects in New York, nationwide and internationally. He frequently addresses claims involving breach of contract, construction and design defects, liens, delays and impacts, bonds and insurance issues, and represents many of the nation's largest contractors in building and power plant construction projects. He has recently assumed the role of Chair of the International Dispute Resolution Practice Group.



About Jerry P. Brodsky

Jerry Brodsky is a partner and Director of the Latin American Practice Group. Mr. Brodsky is trilingual (English/Spanish/Portuguese) and is certified by the Florida Bar as a Construction Law Specialist. Many of Mr. Brodsky's matters involve multi-cultural domestic or cross-border transactions and disputes. His practice includes the representation of international and domestic general contractors, construction managers, sureties and other construction professionals in the United States and throughout Latin America and the Caribbean, in the preparation of contract documents, negotiation, mediation, arbitration and litigation of construction contract claims, construction and design defect claims, insurance claims, surety bond claims and related matters. Mr. Brodsky's practice and experience includes mega-projects for transportation and other infrastructures, as well as industrial, commercial and residential engineering and construction projects. He has recently assumed the role of Vice-Chair of the International Dispute Resolution Practice Group.



About Christopher M. Bletsch

Christopher Bletsch is a Senior Counsel in Peckar & Abramson's New York office, where he focuses on construction and other commercial litigation. Mr. Bletsch counsels general contractors and construction managers on issues such as delay and impact claims, lien foreclosure actions, extra work claims, sub-contractor defaults, and more. He also has experience with cases involving transportation and social infrastructure projects, such as bridges, MTA stations, mid-rise buildings, and commercial developments.



About Monique S. Cardenas

Monique Cardenas is a Senior Counsel in the firm's Miami office, where she focuses her practice in the areas of construction law and commercial litigation. Ms. Cardenas represents clients in construction lawsuits involving construction defects, delay claims, contractual disputes, lien disputes, bond claims, insurance claims, commercial landlord/tenant disputes, workers' compensation claims, governmental and environmental compliance claims and other construction-related claims.



About K. Stefan Chin

Stefan Chin is a Senior Counsel in the Construction Law Practice at Peckar & Abramson. He focuses on construction and other civil litigation including the representation of contractors, owners, other construction professionals, and sureties in litigation, arbitration, mediation, and dispute resolution board proceedings for construction and design-defect claims, contract claims, construction lien claims, delay and impact claims, bond claims, insurance claims, and related matters. Mr. Chin's experience includes low-rise, mid-rise, and high-rise residential and commercial projects in the U.S. and overseas, as well as large-scale transportation infrastructure and energy-related projects in the U.S.



About Alexander X. Saunders

Alexander Saunders is a Senior Counsel in the Construction Law Practice at Peckar & Abramson. He represents prominent businesses in disputes arising out of construction projects, contract disputes, property damage, insurance coverage and labor issues. Mr. Saunders has successfully represented clients in major litigation, mediation, arbitration and administrative proceedings. He is bilingual in Spanish and English, and has broad experience handling international disputes as well as domestic matters.



About Rashmee Sinha

Rashmee Sinha is a Senior Counsel at Peckar & Abramson's Labor Relations and Employment Law Department and Employment Practices Group. She defends Employment Practices Liability Insurance (EPLI) and Directors & Officers (D&O) claims on behalf of employers. Ms. Sinha represents employers in for-profit and not-for-profit industries, including healthcare, construction, financial services, property management, insurance, technology, transportation, building services, hotel and hospitality, retail, manufacturing, power and energy, and pharmaceutical. Ms. Sinha is a member of the Legal Committee, Fairways Community Condominium, Teaneck, New Jersey.



About Levi Barrett

Levi Barrett is a Senior Associate in Peckar & Abramson's New York office, where he focuses his practice on construction law. Mr. Barrett counsels clients on all aspects of public and private construction contracts. He works with general contractors and construction managers to effectively assess and mitigate risk, and to evaluate and negotiate prime contracts, subcontracts, and purchase orders. Mr. Barrett has extensive experience representing general contractors and subcontractors in complex disputes involving construction inefficiencies, delays, differing site conditions, constructive changes, extra-work, and default claims. He also counsels clients regarding dispute resolution and dispute avoidance strategies.



About Meredith N. Reynolds

Meredith Reynolds is a Senior Associate in Peckar & Abramson's Miami office and practices construction law and commercial litigation. She represents and counsels construction and design professionals, commercial landlords, and other business clients in the areas of contract preparation and dispute resolution. Her practice includes the litigation of contract disputes, bond claims, construction lien foreclosures, insurance claims, commercial landlord-tenant disputes, and business torts. Ms. Reynolds has experience representing clients in state and federal courts, bankruptcy adversary proceedings, regulatory investigations, mediation, and in responding to grand jury subpoenas.



About Christopher M. Sweeney

Chris Sweeney is a Senior Associate in the Washington, DC office of Peckar & Abramson. Mr. Sweeney focuses on representing clients in the construction industry, including general contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, and sureties. Mr. Sweeney is a civil engineer by education with a dual focus on structural design and construction project management. After receiving his degree from Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Mr. Sweeney worked as a design-build engineer and project manager for a structural steel and concrete subcontractor in the Washington DC metro region. Using this education and experience, Mr. Sweeney represents clients in the construction industry in a variety of matters including breach of contract claims,



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design and latent defect claims, differing site conditions and delay claims, payment and performance bond claims, mechanic's liens, and claims for equitable adjustment.

About Peckar & Abramson, P.C.

Peckar & Abramson, P.C. maintains offices in New York, New Jersey, Florida, California, Washington, D.C., Illinois, Texas, and Pennsylvania, and has affiliations with global firms in Latin America (through its founding membership in CONSTRULEGAL), London, and China. In addition to its core construction practice, the firm has practice groups who counsel contractors on labor and employment matters, corporate and regulatory compliance issues including D/M/WBE compliance, and general corporate and real estate matters. The firm's website can be found at www.pecklaw.com.

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