

Haynes Boone Promotes Eight Associates to Counsel

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Haynes Boone has promoted to counsel eight lawyers from the firm's Dallas, Fort Worth, London, New York, and San Antonio offices.

The new counsel are [Carlos Carrasco](#), [Caroline Fox](#), [Zach Halbur](#), [Chelsea Leitch](#), [Jonathan Morton](#), [Bailey Ross](#), [Eitan Stavsky](#), and [Mike Tobin](#).

"These lawyers have distinguished themselves by their strong leadership skills and client-first approach," said Managing Partner [Taylor Wilson](#). "A big part of what has allowed our firm to grow and prosper, year after year, is our ability to recruit, develop and promote excellent lawyers like this group." Learn more about the firm's new counsel below:

Carlos Carrasco

A member of the Energy, Power and Natural Resources Practice Group, Carlos represents electric cooperatives, retail electric providers, renewable energy generators, and energy storage developers in a variety of energy transactions and electric power regulatory matters in the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) market, with a focus on proceedings before the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT). Carlos has assisted clients in transactions and regulatory matters involving renewable energy projects including utility-scale solar, wind, and energy storage projects.

Caroline Fox

A member of the Intellectual Property Practice Group, Caroline focuses her practice on intellectual property litigation. She has experience in patent litigation matters involving a range of technologies, including wireless communications, electronics, and life sciences. Caroline has significant experience in all phases of litigation, including trials and appeals. She has also been involved in proceedings before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board and the International Trade Commission. Caroline has been recognized by *Super Lawyers Rising Stars*, Thomson Reuters, from 2017-2023.

Zach Halbur

A member of the Patent Prosecution and Counseling Practice Group, Zach is a registered patent attorney. He has experience in obtaining both utility and design patents, building domestic and international patent portfolios, and helping clients establish and maintain best practice policies and procedures relating to patent protection. In representing clients before the U.S. Patent Office, Zach has honed a variety of strategies and techniques to quickly obtain meaningful patent protection for a range of technologies. He has also helped clients enforce their patent rights, avoid patent rights held by others, respond to allegations of infringement, and institute post-grant proceedings before the U.S. Patent Office.

Chelsea Leitch

A member of the Corporate Practice Group, Chelsea's practice focuses on structuring, drafting, and negotiating commercial agreements and related arrangements, bringing strategic legal insight and practical solutions into clients' business relationships. She is a trusted advisor for clients in a variety of industries, including aviation, food and beverage, automotive, financial services, and manufacturing, and regularly assists them with a range of contracts, from business-critical, high-profile, complex commercial agreements to routine contracts that facilitate their day-to-day business activities.

Jonathan Morton

A member of the firm's Shipping and Energy Litigation Practice Groups, Jonathan's experience encompasses all areas of the offshore construction, shipbuilding and energy industries (oil and gas and renewables), where he has acted for contractors, owners, shipyards and oil companies both in contract negotiation and drafting and in international disputes. Jonathan has worked on a wide range of international arbitrations as well as English Court actions involving issues including delay and cost overruns; waiver, estoppel and the prevention principle, allegations of bribery and corruption; disputes over payments for variation orders; and liability for errors in design. He also is the head of the firm's pro bono activities in London.

Bailey Ross

A member of the Investment Management Practice Group, Bailey's practice focuses on private equity investments and co-investments. Bailey advises institutional investors and asset managers in connection with the investment in U.S. and foreign investment funds, including co-investment structures. She was included in the "Ones to Watch" category of *The Best Lawyers in America*, Woodward/White, Inc., 2023.

Eitan Stavsky

A member of the Finance Practice Group, Eitan represents borrowers and lenders in a variety of commercial and corporate finance transactions, including fund financings and structured equity transactions, asset-based and cash-flow facilities, acquisition and leveraged finance facilities and restructurings. He was recently a part of the deal team that represented the New York Philharmonic in connection with a financing that allowed it to accelerate the \$550 million renovation of David Geffen Hall at Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts.

Mike Tobin

A member of the Intellectual Property Practice Group, Mike assists clients in building patent portfolios through preparation and prosecution of high-quality patent applications. He focuses on innovations in the chemical arts and related fields. Mike's practice also includes *inter partes* reviews before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board, design patent applications, and general IP counseling. Mike was ranked in the "Ones to Watch" category of *The Best Lawyers in America*, Woodward/White, Inc. in 2022 and 2023.