

## Headline News

### Andrews & Kurth Adds New Associates to Firm

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**HOUSTON** -- Andrews & Kurth L.L.P. has further expanded its business transactions, corporate, environmental, ERISA, estate planning and tax practices with the addition of 28 new associates to its Houston, Austin, Dallas, New York and Washington D.C. offices.

Surinder 'Neena' Bhathal has joined the firm's corporate practice in Houston as an associate. She is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin and received her J.D. from the Columbia University School of Law.

Robin Brice has joined the firm's corporate practice in Houston as an associate. She is a graduate of the University of Houston and received her J.D. from the University of Houston Law Center.

Jeffrey Butler has joined the firm's business transactions practice in Houston as an associate. He is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin and received his J.D. from the University of Houston Law Center.

Christopher Dial has joined the firm's corporate practice in Houston as an associate. He is a graduate of Southwestern University and received his J.D. from the University of Houston Law Center.

Kristin Frels has joined the firm's business transactions practice in Houston as an associate. She is a graduate of Washington & Lee University and received her J.D. from the University of Houston Law Center.

Kimberly Goodling has joined the firm's labor and employment practice in Houston as an associate. She is a graduate of the University of Houston and received her J.D. from the University of Houston Law Center.

Carroll Hochner has joined the firm's estate planning practice in Houston as an associate. She is a graduate of Northwestern University and received her J.D. from the University of Houston Law Center.

Robert Icsezen has joined the firm's corporate practice in Houston as an associate. He is a graduate of the University of Chicago and received his J.D. from the University of Chicago School of Law.

Wade Jensen has joined the firm's environmental practice in Houston as an associate. He is a graduate of Purdue University and received his J.D. from Washington & Lee University School of Law.

Katherine Kingman has joined the firm's corporate practice in Houston as an associate. She is a graduate of Arizona State University and received her J.D. from Tulane Law School.

Barry McFadden has joined the firm's business transactions practice in Houston as an associate. He is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin and received his J.D. from the University of Texas School of Law.

Stewart Patton has joined the firm's taxation practice in Houston as an associate. He is a graduate of Texas A&M University and received his J.D. from the University of Houston Law Center.

Cameron Pope has joined the firm's litigation practice in Houston as an associate. He is a graduate of Victoria University in Wellington, New Zealand, received an M.A. from the University of Houston and received his J.D. from the University of Houston Law Center. Most recently he was a Briefing Clerk to Justice J. Harvey Hudson at the 14th Court of Appeals in Houston.

Amy Prasad has joined the firm's litigation practice in Houston as an associate. She is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin and received her J.D. from the University of Houston Law Center.

Shahreen Rafique has joined the firm's business transactions practice in Houston as an associate. She is a graduate of the University of South Carolina and received her J.D. from Vanderbilt University School of Law.

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Mitchell Reid has joined the firm's litigation practice in Houston as an associate. He is a graduate of Indiana University and received his J.D. from the University of Houston Law Center.

Julie Stringer has joined the firm's taxation practice in Houston as an associate. She is a graduate of Abilene Christian University and received her J.D. from the University of Texas School of Law.

Brian Trachtenberg has joined the firm's business transactions practice in Houston as an associate. He is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts - Boston and received his J.D. from the University of Chicago School of Law.

Lisa M. Young has joined the firm's ERISA and employee benefits practice in Houston as an associate. She is a graduate of Brigham Young University and received her J.D. from the University of Texas School of Law.

Elizabeth Yusi has joined the firm's litigation practice in Houston as an associate. She is a graduate of the University of Virginia and received her J.D. from Washington & Lee School of Law.

Erik Romberg has joined the firm's corporate and securities practice in Austin as an associate. He is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin and received his J.D. from the University of Texas School of Law.

Matt Floyd has joined the firm's corporate practice in Dallas as an associate. He is a graduate of Oklahoma State University and received his J.D. from Vanderbilt University School of Law.

Alix Lormand has joined the firm's litigation practice in Dallas as an associate. She is a graduate of Southern Methodist University and received her J.D. from George Washington University School of Law.

Jason Thelen has joined the firm's litigation practice in Dallas as an associate. He is a graduate of the University of Virginia, received his J.D. from Tulane University School of Law and served as a Captain in the U.S. Army JAG from 2000 to 2001.

Matt Willcox has joined the firm's bankruptcy practice in Dallas as an associate. He is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin and received his J.D. from Southern Methodist University School of Law.

Vanessa Villanueva has joined the firm's labor and employment practice in Dallas as an associate. She is a graduate of the University of Texas at San Antonio and received her J.D. from St. Mary's University School of Law.

Antonette Ruocco has joined the firm's litigation practice in New York as an associate. She is a graduate of Manhattan College and received her J.D. from Fordham University School of Law.

Marc A. Pifko has joined the firm's bankruptcy practice in New York as an associate. He is a graduate of Brooklyn College, received and received his M.B.A. and J.D. from Fordham University School of Law.

Jayne Goldstein has joined the firm's bankruptcy practice in New York as an associate. He is a graduate of Brown University and received his J.D. from Cornell University School of Law.

Ann M. Harris has joined the firm's business transaction practice in Washington, D.C. as an associate. She is a graduate of Villanova University and received her J.D. from William and Mary School of Law.

Andrews & Kurth L.L.P. was founded in Houston in 1902 and has 375 lawyers in offices in Austin, Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, London, New York, The Woodlands and Washington, D.C. The firm's practice areas include appellate, bankruptcy, business transactions, energy, environmental, corporate and securities, labor and employment, litigation, intellectual property, public law, project finance, real estate, structured finance, asset securitization, technology and tax law for U.S. and international clients.