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**QUINN EMANUEL URQUHART & SULLIVAN, LLP  
WELCOMES 2025 NEW PARTNER CLASS**

*New partnership class embodies a remarkable blend of talent and expertise, uniting practice areas and offices across the globe, from London to Los Angeles.*

LOS ANGELES – Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP, the global litigation powerhouse, has proudly elected 11 exceptional lawyers to the firm’s partnership. This class of partners showcases a rich diversity of practice areas from offices around the world - from London to Los Angeles. Significantly, five of the newly elected partners are women, and two are based in Europe, a testament to the firm’s commitment to inclusivity and excellence, as underscored by the firm's leaders.

"We congratulate our new partner class and welcome these extraordinary lawyers into the partnership, said Co-Managing Partner of Quinn Emanuel, Michael Carlinsky. "This class of new partners follows in a long line of exceptional global talent that distinguishes our firm, our partnership and ensures we are always able to deliver superior client representation."

The newly elected partners are:

**Sara C. Clark** – Sara is based in our Houston and Washington, D.C. offices. As a member of the firm’s Government Enforcement and White Collar Criminal Defense, Crisis Law and Strategy, and Latin American practice groups, she focuses her practice on complex and sensitive international and domestic internal and government investigations, as well as cross-border disputes. She advises clients on a broad range of international and domestic white-collar issues, including corruption, fraud, sanctions, international regulatory matters, money laundering, False Claims Act violations, and crisis management, with a particular focus on Latin American issues. While her representations often focus on obtaining negotiated resolutions out of court

and without indictment, she also has criminal trial and appellate experience. Sara has been ranked by “*The Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch, Commercial Litigation*” from 2022 – 2025 and was recently interviewed on John B. Quinn’s *Law, disrupted* podcast together with the other members of the trial team that obtained a dismissal of all charges in the recent New Mexico manslaughter case against Alec Baldwin.

**Nicola R. Felice** - Nicola is based in our New York office. Her practice focuses on patent litigation and other intellectual property matters. Prior to joining the firm, Nicola served as a law clerk on the United States District Court for the District of Delaware and the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Nicola has a diverse technical background, holding degrees in both biology and computer engineering.

**Mario Gazzola** - Mario is based in our New York office, having joined the firm in 2020. His practice focuses on complex commercial litigation, bankruptcy-related disputes, and international disputes with a focus on Brazil and Latin America. Mario has experience guiding clients through multi-jurisdiction disputes and coordinating litigation across various countries and forums, as well as trial experience in disputes over M&A, structured finance, trade secrets, and trademark disputes.

**Mari Henderson** - Mari is based in our Los Angeles office and worked as both Deputy District Attorney and as on-air news reporter for NY1 News before joining the firm. Mari represents companies and individuals in high stakes litigation and advises clients navigating both the court of law and the court of public opinion. She helped spearhead the firm’s Crisis Law and Strategy practice group, which provides legal and public relations assistance to companies and individuals facing sensitive reputational issues. She has defended major California companies in cases ranging from employment discrimination to lawsuits stemming from one of the largest wildfires in California history. She has also defended large internet companies in class action litigation and provided advice to international companies regarding litigation issues that may impact them in the U.S. Mari has also represented individual defendants in both state and federal criminal cases ranging from fraud to assault, weapons possession and animal neglect. In addition to litigation, Mari has experience conducting independent investigations, including on behalf of faith-based organizations.

**Nicholas LoCastro** – Nicholas, who is based in our New York office, joined the firm in 2016. His practice focuses on pharmaceutical patent litigation and pharmaceutical contract disputes, including counseling clients on patent strategy, IP portfolio evaluation, pharmaceutical contract disputes, and an assortment of regulatory matters. He has represented clients in Hatch-Waxman litigations involving a wide array of pharmaceutical technologies, including drug formulations and method of treatment claims. Nicholas has experience in all stages of patent litigation, including claim construction, discovery, trial, and appeal.

**Alex H. Loomis** – Based in our Boston office, Alex has extensive experience in international and appellate litigation, especially in litigation involving foreign sovereigns and in foreign judgment enforcement actions. Alex regularly leads dispositive motion and appellate briefing in federal and state courts around the country on a broad range of subject matter, including healthcare fraud, patent, antitrust, class actions, and general commercial litigation. Alex has

argued appeals before the First, Fifth, and Ninth Circuits and the Massachusetts Appeals Court, and has cross-examined an expert witness in a trial in Florida state court. Some of Alex's notable victories include prevailing in a \$100 million foreign judgment recognition action; seizing over \$300 million in Argentinian bonds in the Southern District of New York and the Second Circuit; reversing an SEC judgment on appeal on novel personal jurisdiction grounds; obtaining a \$17 million attachment in aid of arbitration in the Southern District of New York and the Second Circuit; securing two precedential First Circuit victories that foreclosed a half dozen COVID-19 tuition-refund suits against universities in Massachusetts and Rhode Island; and reversing a housing court eviction order on an issue of first impression in Massachusetts.

**Jocelyn Ma** – Based in our San Francisco office since 2017, Jocelyn previously worked on antitrust investigations and litigations at the Federal Trade Commission's Bureau of Competition. Jocelyn's practice focuses on supporting companies in their most high-stakes, complex commercial and intellectual property disputes. She has extensive experience helping clients navigate complicated issues regarding intellectual property damages and has served as trial counsel in some of the most high-profile intellectual property disputes of recent years. Jocelyn has represented both plaintiffs and defendants in federal court, state court, and the International Trade Commission in matters involving patent infringement, trade secret misappropriation, trademark infringement, false advertising, unfair competition, contract disputes, antitrust, RICO. Jocelyn's work spans a wide range of industries, including telecommunications, e-commerce, biotechnology, autonomous vehicles, search technology, mobile applications, fintech, and semiconductors, among others. Jocelyn has extensive experience in all stages of litigation; most recently, she helped obtain a nearly \$100 million jury verdict for a genetic testing company in a patent case, as well as tried a breach of contract and copyright case where the jury awarded just \$1 in damages despite the plaintiff seeking \$160 million from her client. Jocelyn has been recognized as a "Recommended Lawyer" in Intellectual Property: Trade Secrets by *Legal 500 USA*.

**Anil Makhijani** - Anil joined our New York office in 2012. His practice focuses on bankruptcy and financial litigation. Prior to rejoining the firm in 2019, Anil helped lead the legal and operations work at the Human Diagnosis Project and worked as a cybersecurity attorney at IBM. Prior to law school, Anil had a career as an engineer, working as a systems engineer at MIT Lincoln Laboratory and a software engineer at Openplans. Anil also holds an MBA from the Wharton School of Business.

**Manthi Wickramasooriya** – Manthi is based in our London office. He specialises in international arbitration and commercial litigation, with over a decade of experience managing complex cross-border disputes. He has extensive experience litigating at all levels of the English courts, and has represented clients in high stakes commercial arbitrations under all major arbitral rules and most of the major arbitral seats. Manthi has experience across a range of industry sectors and regions, but has particular expertise in M&A-related disputes and disputes arising from cross-border investments. Having spent two years practising in Hong Kong, Manthi regularly advises APAC-based clients on UK disputes and London-seated arbitrations. A frequent speaker and published author, he was recognized as a "Rising Star" for International Arbitration by *Legal 500 UK* in 2024 and 2025. He holds an MA (Hons) in Law from the University of Cambridge, where he was a Commonwealth Trust Scholar.

**Kurt Wolfe** - Kurt Wolfe - Kurt is based in our Washington, D.C. office and a key member of our SEC Enforcement Practice. His practice focuses on government and internal investigations, regulatory enforcement inquiries, and securities litigation. Kurt has a wealth of experience representing clients in complex, bet-the-company investigations and enforcement actions and has a deep understanding of the securities regulatory and enforcement landscape. A trusted advisor, Kurt is known for delivering tailored, practical advice in securities regulatory and enforcement matters. Public and private companies call on Kurt in a wide range of investigations and enforcement proceedings, including matters involving securities fraud, accounting fraud, FCPA violations, insider trading, and disclosure issues. He has successfully defended clients in actions by the SEC, CFTC, PCAOB, FINRA, the U.S. Department of Justice, state securities regulators, securities exchanges, self-regulatory organizations, state attorneys general, and foreign criminal and civil regulatory agencies. Clients also turn to Kurt to lead complex internal investigations. He has extensive experience designing and executing practical, risk-based internal investigations and helps clients remediate current issues, mitigate future issues, and navigate related government investigations. Kurt also advises clients on regulatory compliance issues, including broker-dealer, FCPA, insider trading, investment advisor, cybersecurity and incident response, and whistleblower concerns. Kurt often publishes and speaks on regulatory enforcement and compliance topics, such as SEC enforcement priorities and tactics, anti-bribery compliance and enforcement, and whistleblower programs, and has written or contributed to stories for Bloomberg, CBS News, Compliance Week, The Hill, The New York Times, NPR, Reuters, and Yahoo! Finance. He co-hosts a biweekly podcast produced by PLI — the inSecurities Podcast — that explores securities regulatory and enforcement developments.

**Hafsa Zayyan** – Hafsa is based in our London office, where she focuses on international arbitration and cross-border, complex litigation. After graduating with a first-class degree in Law from Cambridge, she went on to obtain a master’s degree from Oxford specialising in International Dispute Resolution. Hafsa regularly advises on complex commercial disputes, often with a civil fraud or asset-tracing angle, and has represented high-net worth individuals as well as multinational corporations across a range of sectors including natural resources, energy and telecommunications. She has experience of representing clients in arbitrations under the ICC, UNCITRAL, LCIA, ICSID, SIAC, DIFC-LCIA and GCCAC Rules, as well as ad-hoc arbitrations, and has particular experience of disputes arising out of Africa, the CIS and the Middle East. She also has significant experience of investment treaty disputes and public international law matters. Hafsa has been recognized as a Key Lawyer in the Legal 500 UK 2025 Edition for her work in the "Crime, Fraud and licensing - Fraud: Civil" and "Public International Law" practice areas, and a Leading Associate in "International Arbitration". She has been ranked as a “Rising Star, Up-and-Coming Women in UK Legal Industry” (2024) by *Law.com*.

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the “most feared” law firm in the world three times. Firm lawyers have tried over 2,500 cases, winning 86% of them. When representing defendants, Quinn Emanuel’s trial experience gets better settlements or defense verdicts. When representing plaintiffs, Quinn Emanuel lawyers have won nearly \$80 billion in judgments and settlements. Quinn Emanuel has also obtained seven nine-figure jury verdicts, four 10-figure jury verdicts, 51 nine-figure settlements, and 20 10-figure settlements.

Quinn Emanuel has been named the No. 1 “most feared” law firm by *The BTI Consulting Group* three times in its annual “Most Feared Law Firms in Litigation” guide, in which in-house counsel named 46 firms they “want to steer clear of” when it comes to litigation. *The American Lawyer* named Quinn Emanuel the top IP litigation firm in the U.S. and the firm as one of the top six commercial litigation firms in the country. The UK legal periodical, *The Lawyer* named us “International Firm of the Year.” *Law360* has most recently selected us as having Securities and Cyber Security & Privacy “Practice Groups of the Year.” *Managing IP* twice recognized us as having the “Best ITC Litigation Practice” and honored us with the “Patent Contentious West” award. *Legal Business* has named us “US Law Firm of the Year” three times, and our German offices have twice been named both “IP Litigation Firm of the Year” and “Patent Litigation Firm of the Year” by *JUVE*, Germany’s most prestigious legal publication. *Global Investigations Review*, a leading legal periodical covering global white-collar investigations, named us the “Most Impressive Investigations Practice of the Year.” *Global Arbitration Review* named us one of the top 10 best arbitration practices in the world. *Global Competition Review* named our antitrust and competition practice among the “25 Global Elite,” and has included us in their list of the world’s top 10 competition litigation practices.