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# Former FINRA Counsel Ellen Sheridan-Cona Joins Eversheds



And other announcements of recent hirings and promotions of New York attorneys.

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- **Eversheds Sutherland** has added **Ellen Sheridan-Cona** as counsel in the firm's litigation practice group. She joins from the **FINRA**, where she was senior regional counsel in the Department of Enforcement.
- **Gregory Baker** has joined **Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler** as a partner in the firm's white collar defense and investigations group and chair of the firm's securities litigation practice. Prior to joining, he was most recently a partner at **Lowenstein Sandler** in its white collar criminal defense and securities litigation practices.
- **Virginia K. Trunkes** has joined **Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani** as a partner in the firm's construction group. She was formerly with **Robinson + Cole**.
- **Loeb & Loeb** has hired **Brent Babcock** as a partner in its patent litigation & counseling department and chair of the firm's patent trial and appeal board trials practice group. He joins from **Womble Bond Dickinson**.
- **Seth Merl** has joined **Reed Smith** as a partner in its global corporate group. He was formerly with **Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel**.
- **Holland & Knight** has added securities and corporate litigator **Martin Seidel** as a partner. He was previously a partner at **Willkie Farr & Gallagher**.
- **Kennedys** has added **Judith Selby** as a partner in the firm's cyber and privacy practice. She was previously with **Hinshaw**, where she was also a partner.
- **Dianna McCarthy** has joined **Kaufman Borgeest & Ryan** as a partner in the firm's employment practices litigation group. Prior to joining, she was a partner at **Winget, Spadafora & Schwartzberg**.
- **Robert Augusto Riva** has joined **Cole Schotz** as a member of the firm's real estate practice. He was formerly at **Shapiro & Gellert**, where he served as head of the real estate finance practice.
- **Ballard Spahr** has promoted **Judy Mok** to partner in New York.
- **Yankwitt** has promoted partner **Dina Hamerman** to executive director. She has been with the firm for over 10 years and will maintain her litigation docket.
- **Tim Kirby** has joined **Katten Muchin Rosenman** as a partner in the firm's capital markets practice. He was formerly with **Milbank** in that firm's global capital markets group.
- **Lester Bleckner & Shaw** has added **Rebecca Clareman** as a senior associate. She was most recently general counsel and sole legal officer at **RedSky Capital**. The firm has also hired **Jonathan Pizzaro-Ross** and **Corey Trail** as associates. Pizzaro-Ross joins from **McCarter & English**. Trail was most recently assistant corporation counsel at the **New York City Law Department**, economic development division.
- **Christos Papapetrou** has joined **Haynes and Boone** as a partner. He joins from **Levine Lee** where he was also a partner.