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Attorneys 'On the Move': Romer Debbas has elevated Sarah Tadros Awad, Kacey Modafferi, and Steven Szczesny to partners in the firm.

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



From left, Sarah Tadros Awad, Kacey Modafferi and Steven Szczesny (Photos courtesy of Romer Debbas)

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• **Schulte Roth & Zabel** has added **Damian Petrovic** as a partner in the M&A and securities group.



Jennifer Ezring, partner at Latham & Watkins

- **Jennifer Ezring** has rejoined **Latham & Watkins** as a partner in the firm's banking practice. She was previously at Latham from 1998-2011, starting as an associate before her promotion to partner in 2006. She joins from **Cahill**.
- **Pryor Cashman** has added partner **Christian Hylton** to its real estate group. He joins from **Phillips Nizer** where he was co-chair of that firm's land use and government relations practice.



Hiroshi Sarumida, partner at Akerman

- **Hiroshi Sarumida** has joined **Akerman** as a partner in the firm's newly launched Japan Sector Team. He will serve as co-leader of the team alongside **Michael "Mike" Doherty**, who joined the firm six months ago. Sarumida was previously at **Orrick** and served as chair of that firm's global Japan transactional practice. In addition, Akerman has added **Thomas Maira** as a partner in the firm's real estate practice group where he will serve as chair of the firm's real estate private equity group. He joins from **DLA Piper** where he was also a partner.
- **Harris Beach** has appointed **Brian Ginsberg** as co-chair of the firm's national appellate practice.



Fox Rothchild partner, David Gehn Fox Rothchild partner, Matthew Baum

- **Fox Rothschild** has added **David Gehn** and **Matthew Baum** to the firm's litigation department as partners in the New York office. Prior to joining, both were partners at **Ellenoff Grossman & Schole**.

- **Romer Debbas** has elevated **Sarah Tadros Awad, Kacey Modafferi, and Steven Szczesny** to partners in the firm.



Edmond O'Brien, James Schwartz, Joelle Taub, partners at Kucker Marino Winiarsky & Bittens.

- **Kucker Marino Winiarsky & Bittens** has added several attorneys to its commercial litigation division. The new partners are **Edmond O'Brien, James Schwartz, and Joelle Taub**. The new associates are **Evelyn Flores, Jonathan Rich** and **Brian Campbell**. In addition, **Daniel Rice** and **Michael Bush** have been hired as of counsel.



Brad Brown, partner at Paul Weiss

- **Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison** has hired **Brad Brown** as a partner in the firm's private funds group within the corporate department. He was formerly partner and general counsel at the investment management firm **3G Capital**.



Diana Stern, DLx special counsel

- **Diana Stern** has joined DLx Law as special counsel in the firm's blockchain practice. She was previously general counsel at **Palm NFT Studio** and a founding member of the global blockchain teams at **Stripe, Inc.** and **Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe**.

- **Lowenstein Sandler** has added a trio to its real estate practice: **Julia Sanabria** joins as a partner and **Stephanie Felix** and **Abram Seaman-Baldaro** join as counsel. They were all formerly with **Vinson & Elkins**.



Taso Pardalis of Ante, Inc.

- **Taso Pardalis**, one of the founding partners of **Pardalis & Nohavicka**, has been appointed general counsel and executive vice president for **Ante Inc.**, which oversees a portfolio of investments, businesses, and intellectual property.

- **Amanda Brown** has joined **Seward & Kissel** as special counsel in the firm's maritime and transportation group. Most recently, she served as senior counsel at the **New York City Economic Development Corporation**.

- **Emilio Minvielle** has joined **Linklaters** as counsel in the firm's Washington, D.C. and New York offices in its Latin America practice. He was previously counsel at **Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton**, specializing in corporate and finance transactions in Latin America.

- **Rivkin Radler** has hired **Maria Harghel**, **Jessica Williams** and **Lindsey Zager** as associates.

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