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**QUINN EMANUEL URQUHART & SULLIVAN WELCOMES RECORD  
PARTNER CLASS**

***Litigation powerhouse taps largest partnership class in firm history, with  
record percentage of women, from offices across the globe***

Washington, D.C., New York, Boston, Brussels, Chicago, Hamburg, Hong Kong, Houston, London, Los Angeles, Mannheim, Munich, Paris, Perth, San Francisco, Seattle, Shanghai, Silicon Valley, Stuttgart, Sydney, Tokyo, Zurich (December 3, 2018) – Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan LLP, the global litigation powerhouse, has elected the largest partner class in the firm’s history, Managing Partner John B. Quinn announced today. Half the new partners are women, four come from offices outside the United States and three come from diverse backgrounds.

“We have the best young lawyers anywhere – it’s part of our commitment to bringing clients the best,” Quinn said. “Our electing so many partners this year reflects the quality of our hiring and our ability to train and nurture the world’s best young legal talent.”

The elections took place at Quinn Emanuel’s annual partnership meeting on Saturday, December 1. The newly elected partners are as follows:

**Nicola Chesaites** – Nicola is based in the firm’s London and Brussels offices. She is a barrister specializing in competition and EU litigation, with an emphasis on private damages competition disputes on behalf of claimants and defendants, and on EU banking, trade and sanctions disputes. Nicola received an LL.M in European Community Law from the College of Europe (Bruges), an LL.B from the University of Westminster, and *licence en droit* from *Université Paris X, Nanterre*.

**Jonathan Cooper** – Jon is based in the firm’s Washington, D.C. office. His practice focuses on complex commercial and government-related litigation at the trial and appellate levels. He received an A.B., *cum laude*, from Harvard College, an M.Sc., *with distinction*, from the London School of Economics, and a J.D., *magna cum laude*, from Harvard Law School, where he was the Managing Editor of the *Harvard Law Review* and a member of the winning team in

the Ames Moot Court Competition. Before joining the firm, Jon clerked for Chief Judge Frank H. Easterbrook of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit and worked in the Federal Programs Branch of the Civil Division of the U.S. Department of Justice.

**Jerome Kommer** – Jérôme is based in the firm’s Munich office. Jérôme’s expertise as a German qualified attorney (Rechtsanwalt) covers all aspects of complex patent litigation, including the coordination of international litigation efforts. He teaches patent law at the University of Mannheim. Jérôme graduated from the University of Heidelberg and received an LL.M. from the University of California, Berkeley School of Law.

**Silpa Maruri** – Silpa is based in the firm’s New York office. Silpa is a trial lawyer specializing in commercial litigation, including disputes around contracts, corporate governance, insurance, and securities. Silpa graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Chicago with a B.A. in English, and *magna cum laude* from Cornell Law School. Prior to joining the firm, Silpa worked as a law clerk to the Honorable Legrome D. Davis in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

**Meghan McCaffrey** – Meghan is based in the firm’s Washington, D.C. office. Meghan is a trial lawyer whose practice focuses on complex commercial litigation, white collar criminal defense, government enforcement matters, internal investigations, corporate crises and other disputes. Meghan earned her J.D. with Honors from the University of Texas at Austin, and graduated *summa cum laude* as a University Scholar from the University of Pittsburgh, majoring in History and Political Science.

**Jared Newton** – Jared is based in the firm’s Washington, D.C. office. He is a trial lawyer specializing in technology-based litigation, with an emphasis on patent, trade secret, and other intellectual property issues. Jared’s practice includes appeals before the Federal Circuit, the U.S. International Trade Commission, and the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office. He received a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Virginia Tech and a J.D. with honors from the George Washington University Law School.

**Harold Noh** – Harold (Hyunshik) is based in the firm’s Hong Kong office. He specializes in international arbitration as well as cross-border litigation and white-collar crime. Recently, Chambers Asia-Pacific Guide noted Harold’s “considerable skill in Korea-related disputes” and quoted clients as saying that Harold is “a future star” and “no doubt my first choice for difficult jurisdiction issues and complex disputes outside of Korea.” Harold received his LL.B. from Sogang University and graduated from the Judicial Research and Training Institute of the Supreme Court of Korea. He is qualified to practice in South Korea.

**Aidan O’Rourke** – Aidan is based in the London Office. Aidan specializes in commercial litigation, with a particular focus on contract, pension, trust and intellectual property disputes. He was named in the Legal 500 2019 rankings as one of 23 “Next Generation” commercial litigators in London. He graduated from Victoria University of Wellington with a B.A. in History with *First Class Honours* as well as an LLB. Aidan joined Quinn Emanuel’s London Office in 2012, and prior to that was an associate at one of New Zealand’s premier law firms.

**Marlo Pecora** – Marlo is based in the firm’s New York office. She is a trial lawyer with extensive experience in both federal and state courts. She has represented clients—plaintiffs and defendants—in a wide range of complex commercial matters, including securities,

structured financial products, trade secret, and intellectual property disputes. She received her B.A. *magna cum laude* in International Affairs and Political Science and her J.D., with honors, from the George Washington University.

**Patrick Schmidt** – Patrick is based in the firm’s Los Angeles office. His practice focuses on complex business litigation and intellectual property disputes. He received a B.S. in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering from the United States Military Academy, a M.B.A. from Auburn University, and a J.D. with High Honors from the University of Texas at Austin. Before joining the firm, Patrick clerked for the Honorable James B. Loken of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.

**Renita Sharma** – Renita is based in the firm’s New York office. Her practice focuses on complex commercial litigation, with an emphasis on securities and insurance disputes. She also has extensive experience representing clients in regulatory investigations. Renita received a B.A. with high distinction in International Relations from the University of Toronto, and a J.D. from Columbia Law School.

**Sam Stake** – Sam is based in the firm’s San Francisco office. He is a trial lawyer specializing in high tech litigation with an emphasis in patent, trade secret, licensing, and other intellectual property disputes. He received his B.A. with honors from Harvard University and his J.D. with honors from Georgetown University.

**Brianne Straka** – Brianne is based in the firm’s Chicago office. She is a trial lawyer specializing in intellectual property litigation, with an emphasis on high tech patent disputes. She received a B.S. in Electrical Engineering *summa cum laude* from the University of Notre Dame and a J.D. *cum laude* from the Northwestern University School of Law, where she was the Executive *Colloquy* Editor for the *Northwestern University Law Review*.

**Viola Trebicka** – Viola is based in Quinn Emanuel’s Los Angeles office. She maintains a diverse complex commercial litigation and trial practice, with particular emphasis on antitrust litigation, intellectual property disputes, and class actions. Since 2014, she has been consistently named a Southern California “Rising Star,” and in 2017, she was selected as one of the “Top 50 Up-And-Coming Women Attorneys In Southern California” by *Super Lawyer Magazine*. Viola received her J.D. from Yale University and a B.A. (*summa cum laude*, first in graduating class) from the University of Richmond.

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Quinn Emanuel is a 780+ lawyer business litigation firm—the largest in the world devoted solely to business litigation and arbitration with 22 global office locations. Firm lawyers have tried over 2,600 cases, winning 88% of them. When representing defendants, Quinn Emanuel’s trial experience gets better settlements or defense verdicts. When representing plaintiffs, Quinn Emanuel lawyers have won over \$60 billion in judgments and settlements. Quinn Emanuel has also obtained five 9-figure jury verdicts, thirty-four 9-figure settlements, and fifteen 10-figure settlements. FTI Consulting named Quinn Emanuel the biggest litigation firm in the world. *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. Four times in the last 5 years, we were

voted as one of the four “most feared” firms by General Counsels at Fortune 500 companies — the lawyers they “least like to see” on the other side. The UK legal periodical, *The Lawyer* named us “International Firm of the Year.” *Law360* selected us as Antitrust, Appellate, Banking, Class Action, Insurance, Product Liability, IP, White Collar, and Trials “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 been named both IP Litigation 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 the 11<sup>th</sup> best arbitration practice in the world. Further information is available at [www.quinnemanuel.com](http://www.quinnemanuel.com).