

Wiley Announces Partner Promotions for 2021

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Washington, DC – Wiley is pleased to announce the election of new partners – Matthew W. Beato, Edward R. Brown, Tessa Capeloto, Derick G. Holt, Kendra Perkins Norwood, and Meredith G. Singer – effective January 1, 2021. The promotions range across the firm’s key practices including in the areas of Government Contracts, Insurance, International Trade, and Telecom, Media & Technology.

“These promotions are a testament to a group of talented individuals who represent the strength of our unique capabilities and core practices,” said Managing Partner Peter D. Shields. “Being elected partner is one of the legal profession’s most significant milestones, reflecting both success with clients and significant contributions to the firm. We congratulate each of our new partners and thank them for their years of hard work leading up to their election to the partnership.”

The Firm’s Newest Partners

- Matthew W. Beato, formerly an associate, is a member of the Insurance Practice. Mr. Beato represents professional liability and general liability insurers in complex coverage litigation before federal and state courts nationwide. He provides strategic counseling and serves as monitoring counsel for insurers under a variety of coverages, including directors and officers, financial institution professional liability, cyber risk, lawyer malpractice, employment, and media and technology. Mr. Beato has a J.D., *magna cum laude*, from Georgetown University Law Center, and served as executive notes editor for the *Georgetown Law Journal*.
- Edward R. Brown, formerly an associate, is a member of the Insurance Practice. Mr. Brown serves as coverage counsel with

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a focus on media, technology, and privacy-related exposures. He routinely advises insurers in connection with cyber insurance and other first- and third-party technology risks. He also represents lawyers, accountants, and other professionals in complex professional liability matters. Drawing on his background in financial reporting, Mr. Brown routinely works on matters involving complex financial or accounting-related issues. He has a J.D., *summa cum laude*, from George Mason University School of Law, where he received a Mason Law Scholarship, served on the Moot Court Board, and was a member of the *George Mason Law Review*.

- Tessa Capeloto, formerly of counsel, is a member of the International Trade Practice. Ms. Capeloto represents clients in a variety of international trade matters, including antidumping and countervailing duty proceedings, anti-money laundering, and compliance matters. She routinely counsels clients on the Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA). Ms. Capeloto co-authored the firm's FARA Issues Handbook and routinely advises clients on FARA compliance, including registration obligations and requirements under the statute. She was recognized by *Law360* as a 2019 "Rising Star" in International Trade Law. Ms. Capeloto has a J.D. from the University of Washington School of Law and served as articles and comments editor for the *Pacific Rim Law and Policy Journal*.
- Derick G. Holt, formerly of counsel, is a member of the International Trade Practice. Mr. Holt represents clients in a variety of matters, including antidumping and countervailing duty investigations, export controls, and sanctions compliance programs. He practices before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, the U.S. Court of International Trade, the U.S. Department of Commerce, and the U.S. International Trade Commission. His work involves a broad range of industries, including steel and downstream steel products, glass, aluminum extrusions, logistics, agriculture, and renewable energy products. When he is not protecting domestic industries from unfairly traded imports, he represents low-income D.C. residents pro bono in landlord-tenant disputes. Mr. Holt was recognized by *Law360* as a 2020 "Rising Star" in International Trade Law. He has a J.D., *magna cum laude*, from Howard University School of Law, where he graduated top of his class, where he was a Merit Scholar and a senior member of the *Howard Law Journal*.
- Kendra Perkins Norwood, formerly an associate, is a member of the Government Contracts Practice. Ms. Norwood counsels government contractors, subcontractors, and grant recipients on a range of legal issues, including compliance with government procurement laws and regulations. She litigates bid protests, size protests, prime-sub disputes and contract appeals, in addition to representing clients in FOIA disputes and government investigations. In June 2020, she was elected President-Elect of the Washington Bar Association and will serve as President for the 2021-2022 term. She also was elected Chair of the National Bar Association's Government Procurement Law Section, which was founded in March 2019 after Ms. Norwood petitioned the Board of Governors to form the new Section. She has a J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center, where she was a member of the Barristers' Council, and an M.P.P. from Harvard University, where she served as Managing Editor of the *Harvard Journal of African American Public Policy*.
- Meredith G. Singer, formerly an associate, is a member of the Telecom, Media & Technology Practice. Ms. Singer represents clients on a variety of wireless telecommunications regulatory, transactional,

litigation, and compliance matters involving the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). She has extensive experience with wireless issues, including providing advice and counsel to clients on spectrum policy and allocation, wireless transactions, public safety matters, and emerging technologies. She has a J.D., *summa cum laude*, from the American University Washington College of Law, Order of the Coif. She served as note and comment editor for the *American University Law Review*.