S&C Women: Leading the Way 2016
At Sullivan & Cromwell, fostering a diverse and inclusive work environment is vital to providing our clients with the highest level of service. The deeper the well of background, perspective and life experience from which we have to draw, the broader the lens through which the complex legal issues we work on can be viewed and the more solutions we can offer to our clients.

Our clients call on us for our commitment, talent, experience and recognized leadership in many different fields of law. S&C’s women lawyers stand out in all of these areas.

The following pages provide more information about the women partners at S&C, the work that they are doing and some of the leadership roles that they hold. As you consider your own career trajectory at S&C, we encourage you to visit our web site, www.sullcrom.com, to learn more about the women at S&C and the possibilities open to you.

No matter what your professional interests are—litigation, corporate, tax, or estates and personal—the Firm will train you to be a world-class lawyer and provide you with an ideal platform from which to achieve your ambitions. We all look forward to meeting you.
CLIENT SPOTLIGHT: KRAFT FOODS GROUP INC.

An S&C team including partners Cathy Clarkin, Audra Cohen and Heather Coleman guided Kraft in its complex $60 billion merger with the H. J. Heinz Holding Corp. to form The Kraft Heinz Company, named American Lawyer’s “Deal of the Year” for 2016. Despite the two companies having such large market shares in the same sector, the businesses were surprisingly complementary. Kraft had a strong presence within the United States, while Heinz had strong international capabilities. The merger allowed the two firms to leverage each other’s strengths.

The deal closed within 100 days of signing—a rarity for such large mergers, which usually take more than nine months to close. Another challenge presented itself in Kraft’s staffing situation. “There was no CFO during the most intense part of the negotiations. I don’t think I have ever worked on a public company transaction in which there was actually no CFO,” Audra said.

The scale of the deal also led to substantial issues related to executive compensation. Heather, who was recently elected to the Firm’s partnership, led the effort by working with Kraft’s internal human resources team, the legal group and the compensation committee and handling negotiations with Heinz’s counsel. “The social issues in this transaction were particularly high profile due to the different compensation philosophies of the two companies. We worked closely with the M&A team to reach a favorable outcome that worked within the transaction structure,” Heather said.
S&C’S WOMEN’S INITIATIVE COMMITTEE

The Women’s Initiative Committee seeks to enhance the experience of our women lawyers by supporting the Firm’s efforts to recruit, retain and advance women lawyers.

The WIC hosts a wide range of internal programs, external events and sponsorships that are designed to ensure the Firm’s women lawyers have access to a variety of professional development, networking and mentoring opportunities. As an S&C lawyer, you will be invited to attend a number of these events each year, such as:

- the distinguished lecturer series at the New York City Bar featuring Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg;
- informal, monthly small-group mentoring lunches with women partners;
- conversations with notable women, such as Baroness Patricia Scotland, the first woman to be named Queen’s Counsel and attorney general in the United Kingdom;
- programs and receptions benefiting organizations like Dress for Success;
- programs featuring renowned business leaders, such as Carla Harris, vice chairman of global wealth management and senior client adviser at Morgan Stanley and author of *Expect to Win: 10 Proven Strategies for Thriving in the Workplace*;
- regular receptions for women associates; and
- welcome breakfasts with women partners for new women associates joining each fall.
S&C WOMEN ASSOCIATES AT TRIAL: PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES

The Firm calls on women associates early in their careers to take part in trials. In true S&C fashion, partners involve associates in every aspect of the case—from discovery to brief-writing to action in the courtroom.

*The First Criminal Trial Under Dodd-Frank.* In late 2015, S&C associates Julia Malkina and Kate Doniger and visiting lawyer Alix Boberg, along with S&C partners Karen Seymour, Ken Raisler and Steven Peikin, made up the S&C team that represented Michael Coscia in the first criminal indictment for spoofing. Julia, Kate and Alix wore many hats while working on this case. “On any given day, I could have been drafting a brief in support of one of our motions, brainstorming trial exhibits, working on a direct examination outline or chasing down statistical information about high-frequency trading,” Julia said. “It was also a great chance to work directly with our client and to learn from seeing how the partners interacted with him,” Kate added.

Kate, Julia and Alix agreed that this client interaction, coupled with the opportunity for creative legal thinking, was the best part of working on the case. Because this trial was the first of its kind, they had no precedents from which to work as they formed their strategy. Despite the disappointing jury verdict, they said they are ready to continue arguing these novel legal issues on appeal.

*Microsoft.* S&C partner Amanda Davidoff, one of those who chaired the landmark securities trial against Nomura—recalls working on another high-profile matter as a fourth-year associate, the Microsoft trial. “It was a really exciting experience,” she said. “Getting to work on the front line so closely with five partners, all of whom has his or her own style, was amazing.”
Gwen Wong

Partner since 2011
Place of Birth Hong Kong, China
Background City Sydney, Australia
Education
University of Sydney, B.Com. 1998
University of Sydney Law School, LL.B 2000
University of Hong Kong Faculty of Law, PCLL 2001
University of New South Wales, M.Com. 2000

Gwen advises on a wide variety of corporate finance transactions in the Greater China region, including securities offerings (representing issuers and underwriters in IPOs and follow-on offerings) and corporate governance and compliance. She also has extensive experience in M&A, having represented parties on complex cross-border deals, public takeovers, privatizations, private sales and purchases, consortium bids, and private equity investments and exits.

What Gwen has been working on recently: Guiding several major Asian companies in share placings, capital raisings and initial public offers, including Shengjing Bank Company, Bank of Chongqing, China Shenhua Overseas Capital and China Mengniu Dairy Co.

Leadership: Gwen is co-managing partner of the Firm’s Beijing office.

Chun Wei

Partner since 1997
Place of Birth Nanjing, China
Background City Nanjing, China
Education
Beijing University, LL.B 1983
Columbia Law School, LL.M 1984

Chun is a recognized authority on corporate finance, acquisitions, joint ventures and other corporate and financial matters and has worked on numerous China-related transactions. Many of these award-winning transactions were the first of their kind in China. Chun has been recognized as a leading lawyer by numerous well-known legal publications.

What Chun has been working on recently: Represented the underwriters to China Reinsurance (Group) Corporation’s $2 billion global offering and listing on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong, and represented ACE Investment Fund in connection with its agreements to acquire the equity interest and the loans owed by EDI’s Italian and Polish wind farm project companies for a total consideration of approximately €392 million.

Leadership: Chun is responsible for coordinating the Firm’s practice in Asia and is the managing partner of S&C’s Hong Kong office, as well as a member of theManaging Partners Committee. She also serves on S&C’s Diversity Committee.
Vanessa K. Blackmore

Partner since 2006
Place of Birth Bushey, United Kingdom
Background City London, United Kingdom
Education The London College of Law, LL.B. 1986
King’s College, University of London, LL.B. 1985

Vanessa is a partner in the London office and is qualified to practice English law. She has a broad-based corporate practice, advising on mergers and acquisitions, private equity and hedge funds, international equity and debt capital markets financings, debt liability management, corporate restructurings, privatizations, joint ventures, and on corporate governance and compliance issues. She has considerable experience in complex cross-border transactions and capital markets matters.

What Vanessa has been working on recently: Represented hedge fund management company Pershing Square Holdings in its inaugural offering of $1 billion senior notes, listed on the Global Exchange Market of the Irish Stock Exchange.

Leadership: Vanessa is a visiting lecturer and an external examiner for the LL.M. in international finance at King’s College, University of London. She previously served as co-managing partner of S&C’s London office.

Kathryn A. Campbell

Partner since 1997
Place of Birth Washington, D.C.
Background City Point Pleasant Beach, New Jersey
Education Montclair State University, B.A. 1976
Rutgers School of Law – Newark, J.D. 1981
University of Oxford, B.C.L. 1983

Kathryn has extensive experience with securities offerings and transactions in the United States by non-U.S. companies, representing issuers as well as underwriters. Her experience includes public SEC-registered equity and debt offerings, Rule 144A offerings, private placements and other exempt transactions, and cross-border mergers and acquisitions and disposals. In addition, Kathryn works closely with corporate clients, regularly advising on U.S. securities law matters, SEC reporting, NYSE listing and corporate governance matters.

What Kathryn has been working on recently: Advising issuers and underwriters in several large offerings of debt securities in the U.S. capital markets.

Leadership: Kathryn is a member of the UN Economic Commission for the Europe–Export Group on Resource Classification. She also serves on S&C’s Women’s Initiative Committee.
Diane L. McGimsey

Partner since 2011
Place of Birth Las Vegas, Nevada
Background City Las Vegas, Nevada
Education Claremont McKenna College, B.A. 1999
UC Berkeley School of Law, J.D. 2002

Diane is a member of the Firm’s Litigation Group. She has represented numerous clients in shareholder litigation, including M&A litigation arising from The Blackstone Group’s buyout of Hilton Hotels, Mitsubishi’s buyout of UnionBanCal and shareholder litigation arising from a three-way proxy contest among Amylin Pharmaceuticals and certain activist shareholders.

What Diane has been working on recently: Several high-profile banking cases, particularly cases related to the 2008 global financial crisis and Bernard L. Madoff’s historic $65 billion Ponzi scheme.

Leadership: Diane is co-head of clerk recruiting for S&C.

Rita-Anne O’Neill

Partner since 2013
Place of Birth Flushing, New York
Background City Manhasset, New York
Education Wellesley College, B.A. 1993
Boston College Law School, J.D. 2004

Rita is a partner in S&C’s Los Angeles office and a member of the Firm’s General Practice Group. Her practice includes advising U.S. and non-U.S. public and private companies on their most significant and innovative M&A transactions, joint ventures and securities offerings, as well as providing general corporate advice on disclosure and governance. She has advised clients in a wide range of industries, including apparel, financial institutions, healthcare and life sciences, semiconductors, telecommunications, and transportation.

What Rita has been working on recently: Advising 1st Century Bancshares Inc. in its pending acquisition by Midland Financial Co.; represented FilmYard Holdings, parent company of MIRAMAX, in MIRAMAX’s acquisition by beIN MEDIA GROUP; and advised a fund managed by the Private Equity Group of Ares Management, L.P. in its acquisition of a significant stake in American Tire Distributors Inc.

Leadership: Rita is vice chair of the American Bar Association’s Women in M&A Task Force and serves on S&C’s Women’s Initiative Committee.
“A women-led deal team like our team on the Miramax transaction is a testament to S&C’s ongoing commitment to diversity and to advancing opportunities for women at the firm. Through my involvement in the ABA Women in M&A Task Force, I am collaborating with women leaders across the country to build a robust professional network, raise diversity awareness among law firms and in-house legal departments and promote and retain women in the legal profession.”

Rita O’Neill, Partner, Sullivan & Cromwell
CLIENT HIGHLIGHT: FILMYARD HOLDINGS

Alison Ressler and Rita-Anne O’Neill led the Los Angeles-based S&C team that advised FilmYard Holdings, the parent company of Santa Monica, California-headquartered MIRAMAX, one of the most distinguished and recognizable brands in entertainment, in MIRAMAX’s acquisition by beIN MEDIA GROUP, a Qatar-based broadcaster that runs TV channels in 24 countries in the Middle East and North Africa, as well as outlets in the United States and Europe.

MIRAMAX, originally founded by Bob and Harvey Weinstein, is a global film and television studio with a library of more than 700 film titles that collectively have garnered 68 Academy Awards, including *Pulp Fiction, The English Patient, Shakespeare in Love, Chicago, Good Will Hunting*, Spymate, the *Scream* franchise and *No Country for Old Men* and several new film and TV projects in production, including *Bad Santa 2* and *Bridget Jones’s Baby*.

PAVING THE WAY FOR WOMEN IN M&A

S&C partner Rita-Anne O’Neill was recently appointed as vice chair of the American Bar Association’s Women in M&A Task Force, which was formed with the goal of increasing the participation and retention of women in mergers and acquisitions. Rita is particularly focused on the law firm outreach initiative, which entails organizing and leading roundtable discussions and panels at various law schools across the country for women law students interested in business law, including at Northwestern University School of Law, UCLA School of Law and Stanford Law School. Rita presented on a study conducted by the Women in M&A Task Force that surveyed 17,500 lawyers in North America at more than 25 law firms to better understand the prevalence of women in different roles and practice areas at law firms.

As vice chair, Rita will continue to focus on the four key initiatives of the Women in M&A Task Force: (i) work with law schools to educate women law school students about the profession; (ii) increase awareness at law firms; (iii) promote networking and provide business development forums and tools; and (iv) enable the sharing of materials, experiences and best practices by creating forums for communication.
Whitney A. Chatterjee

Partner since 2010
Place of Birth Concord, Massachusetts
Background City Pepperell, Massachusetts
Education Hamilton College, B.A. 1997
Columbia Law School, J.D. 2001

Whitney is head of the Alternative Investment Management Group and a member of the Firm’s Financial Services Group. Her practice focuses on advising hedge fund managers, private equity fund managers and financial services companies on a wide variety of matters, including transactional, regulatory, compliance and corporate governance issues. Whitney has extensive experience providing advice regarding the Investment Advisers Act and various aspects of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, particularly the Volcker Rule.

What Whitney has been working on recently: Represented JPMorgan in its sale of Highbridge Principal Strategies, a significant divestiture transaction to the HPS management team in a complicated regulatory environment, which drew on her experience in asset management M&A and financial services regulation.

Leadership: Whitney is head of the Alternative Investment Management Group and a member of the Firm’s Managing Partners Committee. She sits on the Firm’s Diversity and Women’s Initiative committees.

Alison S. Ressler

Partner since 1991
Place of Birth New York, New York
Background City New York, New York
Education Brown University, A.B. 1980
Columbia Law School, J.D. 1983

Regularly cited at the very top of the legal profession in the areas of mergers and acquisitions, private equity, corporate governance and capital markets, Alison has been named American Lawyer’s “Dealmaker of the Week” multiple times, most recently for advising Valeant in its acquisition of Salix. She was named American Lawyer’s “Dealmaker of the Year” for advising Barclays in the sale of Barclays Global Investors to BlackRock.

Recent Headline Transactions for Alison: FilmYard Holdings, parent company of MIRAMAX, in MIRAMAX’s acquisition by beIN MEDIA GROUP; ATL Investco’s acquisition of the Atlanta Hawks; Valeant’s strategic alliance with Walgreens and its $15.8 billion acquisition of Salix; Endo’s $2.6 billion acquisition of Auxilium; and Ontario Teachers’ Pension Plan’s acquisition of PODS.

Leadership: Alison is a member of the Firm’s Management Committee, serves as co-head of the Global Private Equity Group and is responsible for the Firm’s practice in California. She is also on S&C’s Business Development, Diversity and Women’s Initiative committees.
Catherine M. Clarkin

Partner since 2005
Place of Birth Mount Vernon, New York
Background City Yorktown Heights, New York
Education
American University, B.A. 1992
Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law, J.D. 1995

Cathy is a partner in the Firm’s Corporate and Finance and Financial Services groups. Her practice focuses on a wide range of capital market transactions, representing issuers and underwriters in public, private, U.S. and international offerings, including IPOs, block trades, debt offerings and liability management transactions. Cathy also regularly advises on nontransactional matters, such as corporate governance, disclosure matters and SEC requirements. She also regularly represents large financial institutions in the development and structuring of hybrid securities and structured products.

What Cathy has been working on recently: Represented Intercontinental Exchange Inc., in connection with its $2.5 billion SEC-registered bond offering to finance its acquisition of Intercontinental Data Holdings Corporation and a block trade of its common stock.

Leadership: Cathy is the deputy managing partner and associate development partner of the Corporate and Capital Markets Group and serves on S&C’s Knowledge Management and Women’s Initiative committees.

Audra D. Cohen

Partner since 2004
Place of Birth Brooklyn, New York
Background City New York, New York
Education
University of Washington, B.A. 1989
George Washington University Law School, J.D. 1992

Audra is a partner in the Firm’s M&A Group. She represents buyers, sellers, boards of directors and financial advisers in a broad range of M&A and corporate governance matters in the United States and abroad, including public company mergers, carve-out transactions, joint ventures, spin-offs, and dealing with activists and cyber security issues.

What Audra has been working on recently: Kraft Foods Group’s $55 billion merger with H.J. Heinz Company to create The Kraft Heinz Company.

Leadership: Audra is co-head of the Consumer & Retail Group, a hiring partner and a member of the Firm’s Diversity Committee.
OUR LAWYERS

S&C’s women lawyers have graduated from more than 60 different law schools around the world. They practice in the most important areas affecting the global economy and they hold key leadership positions at the Firm. Among other important roles, our women lawyers serve on the Firm’s committees, as managing partners in multiple offices, and as heads of several practice groups and practice areas.

S&C’S MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Partners Sharon Nelles, Alison Ressler and Karen Seymour are members of the Firm’s 13-person Management Committee. These lawyers are at the top of their fields and have received multiple accolades for their work within and outside the Firm.
Sharon, a partner in the Firm’s Litigation Group, was recognized in June 2015 as one of six “Women of Power & Influence” by the National Organization for Women (NOW). In selecting Sharon for the award, NOW noted that in addition to being a “top litigator with a robust and far-reaching practice,” Sharon dedicates significant time to addressing critical women’s issues, especially in her work as co-president of Judges and Lawyers Breast Cancer Alert and on the boards of Her Justice and Out in Law. Sharon was also named by Benchmark Litigation as among its “Top 10 Women in Litigation” in its 2017 guide, “Litigator of the Week” by The American Lawyer in 2014 and as one of the “25 Most Influential Women in Securities Law” by Law360 in 2016.

Alison, a partner in S&C’s Los Angeles office, was the first woman and first partner outside of New York to join the Management Committee, a position she has held for more than 13 years. She heads S&C’s practice in California and serves as co-head of the Firm’s Private Equity Group. Alison’s recent awards include The American Lawyer’s “Dealmaker of the Week” and “Dealmaker of the Year,” Law360’s 2014 “M&A MVP” and M&A Advisor’s “Legal Advisor of the Year.” She was also named by the Financial Times as one of the 10 most innovative lawyers in North America. She is on the board of Brown University and serves as its treasurer. She is also co-chair of the Dean’s Council of Columbia Law School, as well as serving on the board of the Harvard Westlake School. In 2016, she received Columbia Law School’s “Medal for Excellence,” the school’s most prestigious award.

Karen, a former co-managing partner of S&C’s Litigation Group, had an esteemed career in public service before rejoining the Firm in 2004. During her tenure in the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of New York, she prosecuted a wide variety of cases and served as chief of the General Crimes Unit. From 2002 to 2004, she served as the Chief of the Criminal Division and was lead trial counsel for the government in the prosecution of Martha Stewart and Peter Bacanovic. Karen was the 2016 Benchmark Litigation “White Collar/Enforcement/Investigations” Attorney of the Year Award Recipient and recognized by The National Law Journal as a “Trailblazer for White Collar.” Karen has also received multiple recognitions for her exemplary commitment to public service, including the Brooklyn Volunteer Lawyers Project’s Dedication to Justice Award and the New York Lawyers for the Public Interest’s Law & Society Award.
Heather is a partner in Sullivan & Cromwell’s General Practice Group, focusing her practice on a variety of executive compensation, corporate governance and securities matters. She is also active in the Firm’s restructuring practice. She has broad experience advising public and private companies and individual senior executives on executive compensation and benefits matters in a range of corporate transactions and in a regular advisory role. She also frequently counsels clients on ongoing public company matters, including their Securities Exchange Act of 1934 reports and corporate governance and disclosure compliance.

**What Heather has been working on recently:** Kraft Foods Group’s merger with H.J. Heinz Holding Corp., the largest M&A transaction in the first quarter of 2015.

**Leadership:** Heather is a member of S&C’s Associate Experience Committee.

Elizabeth T. Davy

Beth Davy is a partner in the Financial Services and Financial Services Litigation and Investigations groups and is co-head of the AML & Sanctions Enforcement and Compliance Group. Her practice focuses on bank regulation and supervision, regulatory enforcement matters and internal investigations, and she is widely recognized as a leading expert in the areas of anti-money laundering and OFAC sanctions compliance and enforcement.

**What Beth has been working on recently:** Serving as a thought leader with subject-matter expertise on economic sanctions. Represents multiple financial institutions in the resolution of multiagency criminal and regulatory investigations relating to their compliance with economic sanctions and anti-money laundering regulations.

**Leadership:** Beth is a frequent speaker on issues relating to AML and sanctions and is a member of S&C’s Managing Partners Committee.
Ann Bailen Fisher

Partner since 1984
Place of Birth New York, New York
Background City New York, New York
Education Radcliffe College, Harvard University, A.B. 1973
Harvard Law School, J.D. 1976

Ann is a member of the Firm’s General Practice Group. She has extensive experience in U.S. and international securities transactions. During the past 10 years, Ann has handled numerous securities transactions for foreign issuers. In addition, she has handled more than 100 ADR transactions throughout the world, including in Argentina, Australia, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, France, Lebanon, Mexico, Peru, Portugal, South Africa, Thailand, the United Kingdom and Venezuela.

What Ann has been working on recently: Sovereign offerings for Mexico, Colombia and Panama.

Leadership: Ann serves as co-coordinator of the Firm’s sovereign issuers practice. She is a member of the Diversity and Women’s Initiative committees.

Suhana S. Han

Partner since 2008
Place of Birth Seoul, Republic of Korea
Background City Tamuning, Guam
Education The University of Chicago, B.A. 1994
Harvard Law School, J.D. 1999

Suhana’s practice focuses on commercial litigation, including securities, contract and employment disputes. She has also represented clients in regulatory and white-collar investigations before the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Department of Justice, the Federal Reserve, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, the New York State Banking Department, the National Association of Securities Dealers and the Office of the New York State Attorney General.

What Suhana has been working on recently: Represented Porsche in a high-profile federal securities litigation brought by a group of hedge funds seeking more than $2.5 billion in connection with Porsche’s acquisition of a stake in Volkswagen. Also represents, on a pro bono basis, a death row inmate in his challenge to Alabama’s lethal injection procedures.

Leadership: Suhana serves on S&C’s Diversity and Women’s Initiative committees.
Tracy Richelle High

Partner since 2008
Place of Birth Washington, District of Columbia
Background City Washington, District of Columbia
Education Yale University, B.A. 1996
Harvard Law School, J.D. 1999

Tracy is Deputy Managing Partner of S&C's Litigation Group and a member of both the Firm’s Labor and Employment Law Group and Criminal Defense and Investigations practice. Her practice focuses on representing financial institutions and other corporations in complex civil litigation, regulatory enforcement proceedings, and corporate internal investigations.

What Tracy has been working on recently: Working on a series of confidential arbitrations involving the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and a multibillion-dollar portfolio of assets.

Leadership: In addition to serving as Deputy Managing Partner of S&C’s Litigation Group and as a member of the Managing Partners Committee, Tracy serves as co-chair of the Diversity and Women’s Initiative committees, and is active in S&C’s Recruiting Working Group as a hiring partner.

Alexandra D. Korry

Partner since 1994
Place of Birth London, United Kingdom
Background City Stonington, Connecticut
Education Harvard University, A.B. 1980
London School of Economics and Political Science, M.Sc. 1981
Duke University School of Law, J.D. 1986

Alexandra is a partner in the Firm’s M&A Group. She has extensive experience in representing U.S. and non-U.S. clients in a wide variety of M&A transactions, including public and private acquisitions, start-ups, up-C structures, corporate restructurings, joint ventures, derivatives, corporate governance and strategic investments. Her practice spans a host of industries, including technology/media, financial services, energy, and consumer and retail.

What Alexandra has been working on recently: Advised Ruckus Wireless with respect to its agreement to merge with Brocade communications.

Leadership: Alexandra serves on S&C’s Managing Partners and Diversity committees. She is also an adjunct professor at Columbia Law School, as well as chair of the New York Bar Committee on Mergers, Acquisitions and Corporate Control Contests and chair of the New York Advisory Committee to the U.S. Civil Rights Commission.
Sharon L. Nelles

Partner since 2003
Place of Birth Brookline, Massachusetts
Background City Sherborn, Massachusetts
Education
Mount Holyoke College, A.B. 1987
Boston College Law School, J.D. 1993
New York University, M.A. 1990

Sharon represents leading global companies and financial institutions in securities, antitrust and other complex commercial litigation, as well as in regulatory and criminal investigations. Sharon’s practice focuses on the interplay among investigations, enforcement proceedings and the civil lawsuits that follow.

What Sharon has been working on recently: Representing Volkswagen as national coordinating counsel for the company in its response to the many related civil lawsuits and regulatory investigations. More than 1,500 cases have been brought against the company, including consumer and securities litigation.

Leadership: Sharon is a member of the Firm’s Management Committee and Managing Partners Committee, as well as its Diversity, Pro Bono and Women’s Initiative committees.

Marion C. Leydier

Partner since 2010
Place of Birth Lyon, France
Background City Lyon, France
Education
ESSEC Business School, M.B.A. 1997
Université de Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne, Matrise 2000
Columbia Law School, J.D. 2001
Université de Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne, D.E.A. 2001

Marion is a member of the Firm’s Insurance and Financial Services groups. Her practice focuses on domestic and cross-border securities, M&A, private equity and restructuring transactions, and regulatory matters, involving financial institutions, with a particular emphasis on insurance companies.

What Marion has been working on recently: Advising MetLife on its successful challenge to its SIFI (systemically important financial institutions) designation process and a successful appeal to the commissioner of the New York City Department of Education to pay rental assistance to S&C pro bono client Unity Preparatory Charter School of Brooklyn (Marion is a member of Unity’s Board of Trustees).

Leadership: Marion is the co-coordinator of S&C’s insurance practice.

Sharon L. Nelles

Partner since 2003
Place of Birth Brookline, Massachusetts
Background City Sherborn, Massachusetts
Education
Mount Holyoke College, A.B. 1987
Boston College Law School, J.D. 1993
New York University, M.A. 1990

Sharon represents leading global companies and financial institutions in securities, antitrust and other complex commercial litigation, as well as in regulatory and criminal investigations. Sharon’s practice focuses on the interplay among investigations, enforcement proceedings and the civil lawsuits that follow.

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Leadership: Sharon is a member of the Firm’s Management Committee and Managing Partners Committee, as well as its Diversity, Pro Bono and Women’s Initiative committees.
SPOTLIGHT ON PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND FINANCE

Project finance issues are at the heart of S&C partner Inosi Nyatta’s practice. As a partner in the Corporate and Finance Group, Inosi has acted for a cross-section of sponsor, financial institution and corporate clients in oil and gas, power, financial, mining, infrastructure, consumer and other sectors. She also has experience in a range of corporate transactions, including mergers and acquisitions, private equity investments, joint venture arrangements and project development arrangements. Her securities offering experience includes debt and equity offerings under Rule 144A and Regulation S, exchange offers and project bonds.

What are some of the highlights of working in S&C’s Project Development & Finance Group?

S&C’s project finance work has a truly global spread. As a result of this, the work I have done at the Firm spans many countries, including Australia, China, Japan, South Africa, Nigeria, Madagascar, Italy, Belgium, Norway, Sweden, Canada, Mexico, Chile, Peru, Brazil and Argentina. This offers fantastic opportunities to learn about relevant local law, understand the local political and regulatory environment applicable to each transaction and work with lawyers from across the world.

How do you expect S&C’s practice in the area to evolve in the next few years?

With the drop in commodity prices and the cash flow constraints faced by many commodity producers, we are likely to become involved in more transactions in which clients look for nontraditional and innovative ways to raise capital and restructure their debt. These transactions offer opportunities to S&C lawyers to engage in strategic structuring at the highest levels of management and provide advice that will be critical in determining the direction of a project in the future. S&C lawyers are particularly suited to successfully advise and implement these types of transactions that cut across numerous practice areas because of our broad generalist training.
Inosi M. Nyatta

Partner since 2011
Place of Birth Kisumu, Kenya
Background City Nairobi, Kenya
Education University of Nairobi, LL.B 1998
New York University School of Law, LL.M 2000
University of Oxford, B.C.L. 2001

Inosi is a partner in the Firm’s Corporate and Finance Group. She advises clients on a broad range of financing transactions, including project financings, capital markets offerings and cross-border and multijurisdictional corporate and structured financings.

What Inosi has been working on recently: Two of the five U.S. liquefied natural gas export projects to achieve financial close to date, both of which were among the largest single-project financings ever to sign in the United States.

Leadership: Inosi is the associate development partner for the Firm’s Corporate and Finance Group and co-coordinator of its Africa practice. She also serves on S&C’s Diversity Committee.

Kathleen S. McArthur

Partner since 2016
Place of Birth San Antonio, Texas
Background City Houston, Texas
Education University of Texas, B.B.A., 2002
Harvard Law School, J.D., 2007

Katy is a partner in the Firm’s Litigation Group. Her practice focuses on regulatory enforcement proceedings, internal investigations and complex commercial litigation. She has represented companies in connection with a variety of inquiries by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, the Securities and Exchange Commission and the U.S. Department of Justice, as well as in securities class actions, shareholder derivative litigation and other commercial disputes.

What Kathleen has been working on recently: Representing Barclays in the investigation and resolution with the DOJ, CFTC, the U.K. FCA and other regulators of matters relating to voice and electronic trading in the global FX spot market and related civil litigation.

Leadership: Katy is a co-chair of the Women’s Initiative Committee.
CLIENT HIGHLIGHT: CIT AND ONEWEST

Acting as joint regulatory counsel to both sides of a bank merger is atypical. However, that was exactly S&C’s role when CIT Group acquired IMB Holdco LLC, the parent company of OneWest Bank. CIT’s acquisition marked the first time since the enactment of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act that a merger between two banking organizations resulted in an institution with $50 billion or more in assets—the threshold at which financial institutions are subject to the Federal Reserve’s “enhanced prudential standards.”

Expecting the transaction would be subject to heightened regulatory scrutiny, CIT and OneWest turned to the expertise and lengthy track record of Sullivan & Cromwell’s Financial Services Group to navigate the regulatory aspects, including the required approvals by the Federal Reserve and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency.

S&C succeeded in helping CIT and OneWest secure those approvals. “CIT and OneWest needed to demonstrate to the banking agencies that the merger was not a threat to the financial stability of the United States, a new standard post-Dodd-Frank,” said S&C partner Camille Orme, who advised the banks on the matter. “We highlighted the significant benefits of these two banks joining—in fact, we asserted that the combination of the two banks actually will reduce systemic risk, given the diversification of funding and assets.”
2016 WOMEN LEADERS AT S&C

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Camille L. Orme

Partner since 2009  
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Education  
University of Georgia, A.B. 1996  
The University of Chicago Law School, J.D. 2000

Camille is a partner in the Firm’s Financial Services Group. She represents a variety of U.S. and non-U.S. clients on a range of regulatory, corporate and transactional matters. Her areas of focus include advising financial institutions on regulatory requirements post-financial crisis, the interplay of U.S. and non-U.S. regulatory changes, and restructuring global businesses in light of shifting regulatory requirements and standards.

What Camille has been working on recently: Advising CIT Group and IMB Holdco, as joint regulatory counsel, in connection with CIT Group’s $3.4 billion merger with IMB Holdco, and the related merger of OneWest Bank with CIT Bank.

Leadership: Camille serves as co-chair of the Women’s Initiative Committee and as an associate development partner for the Firm’s Financial Services Group. She is also a co-chair of the ABA Banking Law Committee International Banking Subcommittee and a member of the Banking Law Committee of the New York City Bar Association.

Yvonne S. Quinn

Partner since 1984  
Place of Birth Spring Valley, Illinois  
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Education  
University of Illinois, B.A. 1973  
University of Michigan Law School, J.D. 1976  
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Yvonne is a member of the Firm’s Litigation Group. She has extensive experience in antitrust litigation, merger analysis and review and counseling work. Yvonne’s clients include leading commercial banks, equity funds, investment banks, insurance companies, cable TV operators, television programming suppliers, newspapers, publishers, sports franchise owners, advertising sales and healthcare companies, pharmaceutical and chemical companies and many others.

What Yvonne has been working on recently: Representing Barclays with respect to criminal and civil issues arising out of the DOJ’s investigation into Euribor and forex practices, advising insurance provider ACE Limited in its $28.3 billion acquisition of The Chubb Corporation and representing Bright House in the Charter-Time Warner-Bright House transaction.

Leadership: Yvonne is co-coordinator of the Firm’s Antitrust Group and a member of the Women’s Initiative Committee.
Melissa Sawyer

Karen Patton Seymour

Melissa is a partner in the Firm’s General Practice Group. Her practice focuses on a variety of corporate governance, M&A and private equity matters. Melissa is experienced in takeover offense and defense, poison pills, asset sales, auctions and joint ventures. Her experience spans multiple industries, including consumer and retail, healthcare and life sciences, insurance, financial services, and manufacturing.

**What Melissa has been working on recently:** Representing Apollo Education Group in its $1.1 billion going-private transaction and on corporate governance matters related to its ongoing business transformation; Sotheby’s in its acquisition of Art Agency, Partners; and Cablevision in its sale to Altice.

**Leadership:** Melissa is a member of S&C’s Recruiting Working Group and has served as an associate development partner for associates and summer associates. She is a co-coordinator of S&C’s summer program. Melissa is also currently a lecturer in law at Columbia Law School.

Karen’s practice focuses on white-collar criminal defense and internal investigations. Karen also represents clients in complex federal and state civil litigation. She has represented individuals, corporations and financial institutions in state and federal investigations and proceedings involving allegations of obstruction of justice, insider trading, violations of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, Office of Foreign Assets Control sanctions, healthcare fraud and criminal antitrust violations.

**What Karen has been working on recently:** Representing a European bank in a multiagency criminal and regulatory investigation involving compliance with economic sanctions; a multinational mining company in litigation arising from a collapsed dam, which devastated a town in Brazil; and a global alcoholic-beverage company in an SEC investigation about inventory management.

**Leadership:** Karen is a member of the Firm’s Management Committee and was formerly the co-managing partner of S&C’s Litigation Group. She is also on S&C’s Diversity, Pro Bono and Women’s Initiative Committees.
Rebecca J. Simmons

Partner since 2000
Place of Birth Boston, Massachusetts
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Education Harvard University, A.B. 1984
Columbia Law School, J.D. 1991

Rebecca is a partner in the Firm’s Corporate and Finance and Financial Services groups. She represents clients in addressing the structural, financial and regulatory implications of the emerging regulatory regime to reduce systemic risk and other emerging developments, including resolution planning, structuring and developing payment, clearing and settlement systems and other financial infrastructures and technologies, and execution of regulated transactions.

What Rebecca has been working on recently: Developing payment and settlement systems to serve financial institutions and consumers, and preparing resolution plans for banks subject to the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act regulatory regime for systemically important financial institutions.

Leadership: Rebecca chairs S&C’s Resolution Planning and Payment Systems practices. She is the former chair of the Business Law Section and the Committee on Futures Regulation of the New York State Bar Association. She also serves on S&C’s Women’s Initiative Committee.

Penny Shane

Partner since 2000
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Background City New York, New York
Education Barnard College, Columbia University, B.A. 1985
NYU School of Law, J.D. 1988

Penny’s practice focuses on litigation involving financial institutions, including class actions and state and federal governmental investigations arising out of the issuance and trading of securities and alleged fraudulent or unfair practices.

What Penny has been working on recently: Penny is working on post-trial proceedings in Delaware Chancery Court related to corporate governance and other issues at a privately held company. Penny also has been representing financial institutions in connection with inquiries or disputes regarding Treasury securities, commercial real estate lending and other financial products.

Leadership: Penny serves on S&C’s Women’s Initiative Committee.
Zena M. Tamler

Partner since 2010
Place of Birth Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Background City Delran, New Jersey
Education University of Pennsylvania, B.A. 1997
Harvard Law School, J.D. 2001

Zena is a partner in the Firm’s Estates and Personal Group. She represents high-net-worth individuals and families in connection with their personal legal matters, with particular focus on sophisticated tax and estate-planning matters and the structuring of family business affairs.

What Zena has been working on recently: Trust, personal and charitable planning matters for several wealthy families with assets and family members in numerous jurisdictions.

Leadership: Zena serves on S&C’s Associate Experience Committee, Recruiting Working Group and Technology Committee. She is also a member of the Committee on Estate and Gift Taxation and a past member of the Committee on Trusts, Estates & Surrogate’s Courts of the New York City Bar Association.

Stephanie G. Wheeler

Partner since 2003
Place of Birth Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Background City Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Education University of Virginia, B.A. 1990
Harvard Law School, J.D. 1993

Stephanie is a partner in the Firm’s Litigation Group. She has a broad litigation practice that includes civil litigation and white-collar and regulatory investigations. Stephanie’s civil litigation practice focuses on complex securities, antitrust, intellectual property and commercial litigation. She also has extensive experience representing clients in white-collar and regulatory investigations before numerous governmental agencies.

What Stephanie has been working on recently: Representing an investment bank in high-profile anti-money laundering investigations around the world.

Leadership: Stephanie co-coordinates associate training and development initiatives at S&C.
CLIENT HIGHLIGHT: VOLKSWAGEN

Sullivan & Cromwell serves as national coordinating counsel for German automaker Volkswagen Group in connection with its unprecedented—in terms of speed and substance—settlement with the U.S. Department of Justice, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Federal Trade Commission, California Air Resources Board, 44 state attorneys general and the plaintiffs steering committee, led by 22 of the best-known U.S. plaintiffs firms in resolving a significant portion of the massive multidistrict litigation arising from the company’s recent emissions scandal. The all-star team includes women partners Suhana Han, Diane McGimsey, Sharon Nelles and Laura Kabler Oswell.

The Volkswagen class action is one of the largest class actions in history, with more than 1,500 suits filed. The global settlement is further unprecedented with respect to the number of stakeholders and inclusion of a consumer class-action settlement accompanying regulatory settlements.
Laura Kabler Oswell

Partner since 2014  
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Background City Olympia, Washington  
Education University of Southern California, B.S. 1999  
Stanford Law School, J.D. 2005

Laura is a member of the Firm’s Litigation Group. She has worked on a variety of matters, including transaction-related disputes, securities litigation, white-collar criminal defense, antitrust litigation and trademark litigation.

What Laura has been working on recently: Several securities class actions related to IPOs and secondary offerings pending in Northern California; various merger-related matters including the Kraft-Heinz merger and the proposed AB InBev/SAB Miller combination; advising on FCPA matters; participating on the team representing Volkswagen in emissions-related cases; and a pro bono case in partnership with the ACLU of Northern California related to the treatment of criminal defendants declared incompetent to stand trial in California courts.

Leadership: Laura co-coordinates the Firm’s Foreign Corrupt Practices Act practice.

Sarah P. Payne

Partner since 2010  
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Background City Ridgefield, Connecticut  
Education Yale University, B.A. 1998  
UC Berkeley School of Law, J.D. 2001

Sarah has a broad-based corporate practice advising clients on a wide range of transactions, including public and private securities offerings, acquisitions of public and private companies, and takeover defenses, as well as on corporate governance and regulatory compliance issues.

What Sarah has been working on recently: Advising Ruckus Wireless in its $1.5 billion acquisition by Brocade Communications Systems; and part of the S&C team advising the underwriters in Alibaba Group’s $25 billion SEC-registered initial public offering (the largest-ever IPO).

Leadership: Sarah is co-head of the Firm’s Technology M&A and Finance Group and serves on the Opinion Practice and Women’s Initiative committees. Sarah also serves on the Corporations Committee of the Business Law Section of the State Bar of California.
Amanda Flug Davidoff

Partner since 2012
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Yale Law School, J.D. 2003

Amanda is a partner in the Firm’s Litigation Group. She represents clients in a wide range of civil litigation matters at both the trial and appellate level, with a focus on complex securities, commodities, and antitrust class actions and derivative litigation.

What Amanda has been working on recently: Representing Nomura Holding America Inc. and its affiliates at a four-week bench trial and on appeal in Securities Act litigation arising out of Fannie Mae’s and Freddie Mac’s purchases of mortgage-backed securities before the financial crisis.

Leadership: Amanda is the associate development partner for S&C’s Litigation Group.

Julia M. Jordan

Partner since 2007
Place of Birth Cleveland, Ohio
Background City Cleveland, Ohio
Education Georgetown University, B.A. 1992
Case Western School of Law, J.D. 1996

Julie is a partner in the Firm’s Litigation Group. She has a broad litigation practice that includes employment, securities, commercial, white-collar criminal defense and investigations, and regulatory enforcement matters.

What Julie has been working on recently: Representing a large financial institution in connection with a multiagency regulatory investigation into its compliance with economic sanctions and another financial institution in an investigation by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

Leadership: Julie is the co-head of the Litigation Section of the D.C. Bar. She also serves as a member of S&C’s Women’s Initiative and Pro Bono committees and is co-hiring partner for the Washington, D.C., office. She is a member of the National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty and the National Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs Boards, and she serves on the Leadership Advisory Committee for the National Women’s Law Center.