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Faegre Drinker Welcomes 2022 First-Year Associate Class

FAEGRE DRINKER — Dec. 19, 2022 — [Faegre Drinker](#) is proud to announce the firm's 2022 first-year associate class in multiple locations across several of the firm's practice groups.

The associate class participated in an immersive development program as they started their careers with Faegre Drinker. Their first six weeks at the firm were committed entirely to practical skills training before beginning client work.

Associates participated in interactive programs and learned from panel discussions on various topics, including practice and technical skill proficiency, legal ethics, behavioral competencies, business aspects of a law firm, individual business development and providing excellent client service.

Mentoring is a critical component of Faegre Drinker's development efforts. A partner in the firm is assigned to each new associate to provide support, candid advice and guidance at each stage of the associate's career.

Faegre Drinker's 2022 associate class, with practice areas and law school alma maters, includes:

Chicago

- **Jared Black:** Business Litigation, Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law
- **Kerry Gibbons:** Business Litigation, University of Minnesota Law School
- **Areeb Syed:** Intellectual Property, Emory University School of Law

Dallas

- **Abbey Hayford:** Insurance, Emory University School of Law

Denver

- **Alexis Jackson:** Real Estate, University of Iowa College of Law

Des Moines, Iowa

- **Nicholett Dabb:** Corporate, University of Iowa College of Law

Florham Park, N.J.

- **Pierre Avalos:** Business Litigation, Rutgers School of Law
- **Franziska Mangot:** Insurance, Seton Hall University School of Law

- **Adelhajda Sejdinovic:** Corporate, Rutgers School of Law
- **Aneri Shah:** Real Estate, Seton Hall University School of Law

Indianapolis

- **Cassidy Segura Clouse:** Construction & Real Estate Litigation, Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law
- **Konstantina Kloufetos:** Corporate, Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law
- **Molly Madden:** Corporate, Indiana University Maurer School of Law
- **Virginia Speck:** Corporate, Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law
- **Matthew Spegele:** Intellectual Property, Indiana University Maurer School of Law
- **Charles Westerhaus:** Government & Regulatory Affairs, Indiana University Maurer School of Law

London

- **Paige Izquierdo:** Corporate, University of Law, Guildford

Los Angeles

- **Nicole Halavi:** Product Liability & Mass Torts, Loyola Law School

Minneapolis

- **Federico Benvenuto:** Corporate, University of St. Thomas School of Law
- **Emilie Erickson:** Product Liability & Mass Torts, University of Minnesota Law School
- **Diego Garcia:** Business Litigation, Penn State Law
- **Lisa Perunovich:** Construction & Real Estate Litigation, Mitchell Hamline School of Law

Philadelphia

- **Rachel Dansky:** Business Litigation, Temple University Beasley School of Law
- **Virginia Pilgrim:** Corporate, Temple University Beasley School of Law
- **Ya Wang:** Investment Management, Rutgers School of Law
- **Jenna Wilson:** Insurance, Notre Dame Law School

Washington, D.C.

- **Anya Gersoff:** Government & Regulatory Affairs, University of Wisconsin Law School
- **Nickolas Merrill:** Business Litigation, Boston College Law School
- **Aliyah Price:** Health Care, William & Mary School of Law
- **Emilee Schipske:** Product Liability & Mass Torts, George Washington University Law School

Wilmington, Del.

- **Alec Weinberg:** Finance & Restructuring, Boston College Law School

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