

Litchfield Cavo Elects Five New Partners

CHICAGO (Jan. 1, 2021) — Litchfield Cavo LLP is pleased to announce the election of 5 partners from 4 of the Firm's 22 offices nationwide. The elections of the following attorneys are effective January 1, 2021: **Michael P. Baniak**, **Ericka C. Hammett**, **Ryan L. Leonard**, **Scott L. Scheinthal** and **Dawn M. Sigyarto**.

IL | Chicago Office

Michael P. Baniak concentrates his practice in all aspects of insurance coverage law as well as counseling on business and commercial defense matters. His practice includes evaluating first- and third-party coverage issues, handling insurance coverage litigation and defending bad faith lawsuits. Mike is a current member of Litchfield Cavo's COVID-19 Resource Team and advises clients on proper claims handling practices.



WI | Milwaukee Office

Ericka C. Hammett concentrates primarily on insurance coverage matters, including advising insurers on first-party property, third-party commercial general liability, professional liability, toxic tort and bad faith claims. She also defends the Firm's insurer-clients and their insureds at the trial and appellate court level. Ericka is a current member of Litchfield Cavo's nationwide COVID-19 Resource Team.



PA | Philadelphia Office

Ryan L. Leonard concentrates his practice on toxic tort defense, products liability, premises liability, medical malpractice and business litigation. He defends clients against mass tort liability, product and equipment defect claims, and labor and employment matters. He also represents physician groups and medical professionals, handles professional liability claims and compliance agreements.



TX | Houston Office

Scott L. Scheinthal is board certified in personal injury trial law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. His practice includes defending businesses and individual clients in business litigation, premises liability, professional liability, transportation and dram shop claims. Scott has tried business litigation cases involving breach of contract, breach of fiduciary obligations, deceptive trade practices and fraud.



PA | Philadelphia Office

Dawn M. Sigyarto concentrates her practice in complex commercial litigation defense including matters involving contractual disputes, construction defects, catastrophic personal injury and premises liability. She represents local agencies, businesses and business owners in civil litigation matters, and defends against individual and class action claims in employment discrimination litigation.



"I am pleased to announce that these five extremely qualified Litchfield Cavo attorneys have been elected as partners in the Firm. Each of our new partners has supported the Firm's continued growth and enhanced our reputation of excellence as a premier national litigation defense and coverage law firm.

I would also like to recognize the attorneys and staff who joined the Firm in 2020, and delivered energy and drive during these extraordinary times."

John J. Jarosak, Managing Partner