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#### **FOUR TUCKER ELLIS ATTORNEYS ELECTED TO FIRM PARTNERSHIP**

**Tucker Ellis LLP** is pleased to announce that it has elected four attorneys to the firm's partnership effective January 1, 2021.

"Our four newest partners are extraordinary and creative lawyers who know how to get the job done for our clients," said Tucker Ellis Managing Partner [Joe Morford](#). "We're proud of everything they have already accomplished, and we look forward to their continued contributions to position our clients and our firm for success."

[Heather Barnes](#) is a registered patent attorney focusing on intellectual property matters, including the domestic and international prosecution of patents, trademarks, and copyrights. Ms. Barnes manages patent and trademark portfolios, assists in-house counsel with strategic decisions, and provides pre-litigation risk assessment analysis. She advises on corporate transactions, including mergers and acquisitions, license agreements, intellectual property policies, and joint development agreements. Ms. Barnes received her law degree with distinction from Ohio Northern University Pettit College of Law and her Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from The University of Akron.

[Paul Malie](#), a corporate attorney, counsels clients of every size, from start-ups to companies with revenue greater than \$2 billion, in all stages of commercial transactions involving both domestic and international elements. Mr. Malie advises owners, prime contractors, and subcontractors in matters covering various industries, including manufacturing, utilities, and railroads, on issues from development to sourcing, testing, manufacturing, supplying, and commercialization. He also serves as outside general counsel to many middle-market companies. Mr. Malie received his law degree *cum laude* from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law and his undergraduate degree from Case Western Reserve University.

[Jennifer Mesko](#) represents businesses in complex civil litigation throughout the United States with a particular focus on class action defense in a variety of areas, including insurance, securities fraud, consumer claims, and warranty and product liability litigation. Ms. Mesko also represents clients in commercial disputes, extra-contractual matters, and complex insurance coverage issues. She briefs legal issues in trial and appellate courts across the country, including innovative preemption and jurisdictional arguments. Ms. Mesko received her law degree *summa cum laude* from Case Western Reserve University School of Law and her undergraduate degree from Wheaton College (Illinois).

[Christine Snyder](#) defends employers in litigation matters including wage and hour class actions; discrimination, harassment, retaliation, FMLA, and wrongful discharge disputes; and ERISA disputes, including class actions. She advises on employee and manager training and prepares policies and procedures on topics including leave, separation and severance agreements, and releases of claims, as well as non-compete agreements, social media use, drug testing, and wage and hour matters. Ms. Snyder received her law degree *cum laude* from Case Western Reserve University School of Law; her master's degree from the University of Illinois, Springfield; and her bachelor's degree from West Virginia University.

#### About Tucker Ellis LLP

Tucker Ellis LLP is a full-service law firm of more than 220 attorneys with offices in Chicago, Cleveland, Columbus, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and St. Louis. The firm is proud to service a Fortune 250 list of national litigation clients and intellectual property clients, as well as sophisticated business clients, for whom we individually tailor our client service teams. For more information, please visit [tuckerellis.com](http://tuckerellis.com).

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