

## Cahill Announces Election of Five New Partners and Two New Counsel

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Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP announced today that Jonathan Galea, Mark Gelman, James Mandolfo, Biagio Marino, and Jordan Wishnew have been elected to the partnership, effective January 1, 2026. In addition, Eric Scher and Lynn Schmidt have been promoted to counsel, also effective January 1, 2026.

"We are delighted to announce the promotion of seven exceptional attorneys within our firm. Each brings extraordinary skill, commitment, and perspective, bolstering Cahill's depth and expertise in key practice areas that will further enhance our ability to meet our clients' evolving needs," said Herbert S. Washer, Cahill's Executive Committee Chair. "This year we have announced a class of seven new partners and counsel. This both reflects the firm's continuing success and reaffirms our longstanding culture -- where talented, collaborative professionals are supported and advanced into leadership roles."

"Even as we grow our partnership, Cahill remains focused on identifying and pursuing other future growth opportunities as part of our dedication to providing excellent service to our clients," added Washer.

**Partner Jonathan Galea** focuses his practice on crypto-asset regulatory matters. Jonathan is one of the first crypto-native lawyers, with his involvement in the industry spanning back to 2013. Based in London, Jonathan focuses on the EU's Markets in Crypto-Assets Regulation (MiCA) and is seen as one of the leading experts on MiCA. He also advises some of the largest stablecoin issuers and DeFi projects in the industry.

**Partner Mark Gelman** advises clients on all aspects of executive compensation and employee benefits. Mark has extensive experience in the negotiation and design of executive compensation arrangements, including complex equity-based and incentive compensation plans, and regularly represents companies, executives, boards of directors and investors in connection with the negotiation of executive employment and termination agreements and in the executive compensation and employee benefits aspects of corporate transactions.

**Partner James Mandolfo** guides public companies, government contractors, financial institutions, and executives in congressional investigations, criminal prosecutions, and other government inquiries and investigations. Over his career, James has worked on numerous congressional matters and tried over 20 trials to verdict in state and federal courts, including complex fraud, public corruption, and national security matters.

**Partner Biagio Marino's** practice focuses on all matters related to banking and finance and capital markets. Biagio represents investment banks, institutional investors, commercial banks, debt funds and private credit funds in connection with public and private capital markets and lending transactions, including syndicated and pro rata institutional loans, leveraged buyouts, high yield and investment grade bond offerings, initial public offerings and other equity offerings, tender offers, and consent solicitations.

**Partner Jordan Wishnew** focuses his practice on a wide variety of restructuring-related matters representing banks, direct lenders, CLOs, distressed investment funds, administrative and collateral agents, and other strategic parties in out-of-court restructurings and workouts, liability management transactions, bankruptcies, execution of remedy enforcement measures, distressed asset acquisitions, corporate wind downs, and other special situations.

**Counsel Eric Scher** focuses his practice on the executive compensation and employee benefits aspects of mergers and acquisitions and other corporate transactions. Eric's practice also includes other executive compensation and employee benefits matters, including employment agreements, severance arrangements, non-competes and related restrictive covenants, equity-based compensation plans, securities law issues relating to executive compensation and issues in connection with pension plans.

**Counsel Lynn Schmidt** focuses on environmental law with an emphasis on capital markets and lending transactions. Lynn advises clients in a variety of areas, including EHS compliance and litigation matters, site investigation and clean-up, SEC disclosure, sustainability and ESG strategy and reporting, climate change regulation, government enforcement and administrative proceedings, OSHA matters, auditing, supply chain risk, energy

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regulatory matters, product and chemical stewardship, real estate and infrastructure development projects, and due diligence with respect to financing, M&A, and other corporate matters.

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#### **Attorneys**

- Jonathan Galea
- Mark J. Gelman
- James Mandolfo
- Biagio A. Marino
- Jordan Wishnew
- Eric Scher
- Lynn R. Schmidt

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#### **Practices**

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- Executive Compensation
- M&A and Corporate Advisory
- Congressional Investigations
- White Collar Defense & Investigations
- Anticorruption & FCPA
- Bankruptcy & Restructuring
- Bankruptcy Litigation
- Environmental
- Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG)