

Fredrikson & Byron Announces New Shareholders

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Fredrikson & Byron has elected 16 new shareholders: Marguerite J. Ahmann, F. Charles Bennett, Zhu “June” Cheng, Dominick J. Grande, Alethea M. Huyser, Jade B. Jorgenson, Benjamin C. Neitzel, Andrew M. Nick, Carl J. Numrich, Jeri L. Parkin, Jordan S. Rife, Gauri S. Samant, Alyssa M. Troje, Amanda L. Welters, Chantal M. Wilson and Ryan C. Young.

Marguerite J. Ahmann is a member of the Health Law, Life Sciences and Mergers & Acquisitions Groups. Ahmann assists her clients in navigating the complex legal environment impacting health care providers and regularly advises on regulatory matters involving fraud and abuse laws, HIPAA and health privacy, and Medicare and Medicaid enrollment and reimbursement. She also advises health care clients in various transactional matters, including mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures and other strategic affiliations and partnerships.

F. Charles Bennett is a member of the Mergers & Acquisitions, Private Equity, Sports & Entertainment, Corporate Governance and Corporate & Securities Groups. Bennett advises public and private companies on both buy and sell side mergers and acquisitions, financing transactions, venture financing and general corporate law. He uses a practical approach to provide his clients with solutions to help them navigate the intersection of their legal and business needs.

Zhu “June” Cheng is a member of the Immigration, International and China Practice Groups. Cheng partners with investors, entrepreneurs, and U.S. and international companies to develop investment- and employment-based immigration solutions to meet their U.S. immigration and global mobility goals. A native of China, Cheng works closely with Chinese clients in U.S. immigration matters, which includes assisting Chinese investors in EB-5 investment-based immigration and serving Chinese companies in intra-company transfer visas and permanent immigration solutions.

Dominick J. Grande is a member of the Corporate & Securities, Start Up & Rapid Growth Enterprises (SURGE), Venture Capital & Angel Financing and Private Investment Fund Services Groups. Grande’s practice focuses on combining an understanding of business and the law to help companies and investors craft strategic and pragmatic solutions to their legal and business needs. He represents

clients of all sizes across a wide variety of industry sectors, ranging from startups to large private and public companies.

Alethea M. Huyser is a member of the Health Care Fraud & Compliance, Litigation, Appellate and Energy Groups. Huyser is an experienced trial and appellate lawyer in both state and federal courts. With prior experience as a government attorney, Huyser specializes in defending companies facing government enforcement actions, fraud allegations, and regulatory challenges, in addition to other complex and high-stakes litigation. From initial investigations through appeal, she listens carefully to her clients' specific goals, interests and concerns, and then develops and executes a legal strategy to meet those needs.

Jade B. Jorgenson is a member of the Litigation, Employment & Labor, Employment & Labor Litigation, Non-Competes and International Groups. Jorgenson's practice focuses on defending clients in employment-related litigation and advising them on a variety of day-to-day employment and business disputes. She represents employers in all stages of litigation in state and federal courts, as well as in federal, state and municipal agencies. Clients turn to her on a full range of issues, including discrimination, retaliation, wrongful discharge, contract, noncompete, trade secret, defamation, whistleblower claims and sexual harassment.

Benjamin C. Neitzel is a member of the Mergers & Acquisitions, Private Equity and Corporate Governance Groups. Neitzel is a dedicated business attorney who helps corporate clients complete mergers, acquisitions, reorganizations and commercial transactions. He has significant experience representing middle market private equity funds and private companies in a variety of industries in their mergers and acquisitions activities. Neitzel has closed transactions ranging from hundreds of thousands to hundreds of millions of dollars in enterprise value.

Andrew M. Nick is a member of the Corporate & Securities, Executive Compensation & Benefits, Public Companies & Capital Markets and Venture Capital & Angel Financing Groups. Nick focuses on advising publicly held companies on securities and exchange commission reporting and compliance with regulatory obligations. He also assists publicly and privately held companies with private and public offerings of securities, corporate governance matters, mergers and acquisitions, and other general business issues.

Carl J. Numrich is a member of the Mergers & Acquisitions, Private Equity, Cross-Border M&A and Life Sciences Groups. Numrich has extensive experience representing private equity funds (and their portfolio companies) and strategic buyers and sellers in complex M&A and other transactional activities. He primarily advises clients on complex mergers and acquisitions in a wide variety of industries, including life sciences, medical devices, aerospace, defense, software, distribution and manufacturing. Numrich has completed transactions involving assets in North America, Europe, Asia, Australia, Africa and the Middle East.

Jeri L. Parkin is a member of the Real Estate, Mergers & Acquisitions and Debt Finance Groups. Parkin represents business owners, developers, private equity groups and investors on all facets of commercial real estate and business transactions, including acquisitions, sales, financing, leasing and development. She represents clients in transactions that involve complex real estate holdings and development of property for commercial, industrial and residential purposes, including creating new residential, commercial and mixed-use common interest communities such as condominiums and planned communities.

Jordan S. Rife is a member of the Corporate & Securities, Corporate Governance and Mergers & Acquisitions Groups. Rife has represented a diverse array of clients in a variety of industries, including software, e-commerce, technology, medical device, behavioral healthcare and industrial manufacturing. He has closed more than 100 transactions ranging from hundreds of thousands to hundreds of millions of dollars in enterprise value. Rife's goal is to provide practical services by working with clients to better understand their business needs.

Gauri S. Samant is a member of the Property Tax Appeals, Tax Disputes & Litigation and Business & Tax Planning Groups. Samant represents property tax clients in all stages of litigation to appeal and reduce the assessed value of their commercial properties, including hotels, apartment buildings, retail properties and office buildings. She regularly argues motions and prepares property tax cases for trial before the Minnesota Tax Court, as well as for appeal before the Minnesota Supreme Court relating to the applicable statutes, rules and case law. Samant's advocacy also involves a robust and comprehensive understanding of appraisal methodologies and valuation principles.

Alyssa M. Troje is a member of the Real Estate Group. Troje has experience managing all areas of real estate transactions, including lease drafting and negotiations, acquisitions and sales, financing, development, construction and litigation. A varied background in commercial litigation, corporate transactions, bankruptcy and estate planning allows Troje to develop tailored, practical solutions to meet the real estate and business needs that clients face.

Amanda L. Welters is a member of the Mergers & Acquisitions, Venture Capital & Angel Financing, Start Up & Rapid Growth Enterprises (SURGE), Private Investment Fund Services and Investment Management Groups. Welters' practice focuses on assisting public and private clients in mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance, joint ventures, and other strategic transactions. She applies her finance and tax background with in-house experience to provide practical, resourceful and business-focused legal advice.

Chantal M. Wilson is a member of the Private Equity, Mergers & Acquisitions and Corporate & Securities Groups. Wilson specializes in private equity and strategic mergers and acquisitions and has extensive experience representing private equity portfolio companies with high-volume M&A growth strategies. She has represented clients in venture financings, acquisition activity and complex corporate transactions in an array of industries including medical devices, life sciences, software,

manufacturing and professional services. Wilson concentrates on adding value to the deal process by focusing on rigorous process management and providing practical advice designed to help her clients meet their strategic goals.

Ryan C. Young is a member of the Litigation, Commercial Law, Securities Litigation and Investment Management Groups. Young represents clients nationally in all stages of litigation in state and federal courts and prides himself in handling complex, high-stakes litigation across a broad range of legal issues. Young's practice includes commercial fraud and securities fraud cases, shareholder disputes, merger and acquisition litigation, investor broker disputes, contract and commercial disputes, and business torts. Young also maintains a practice providing advice and representing clients in the financial services industry in regulatory proceedings before the SEC, FINRA and state regulatory agencies.

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