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# Hallways

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Six Long Hallways Serving Clients Nationwide

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# Reporting on a Remarkable Year of Growth

With deep gratitude to our incredible clients and admiration for the professionals who call Tucker Ellis their work home, I'm privileged to report on our 2021: a year of continued remarkable success and accomplishments, even as the world remained unpredictable and, at times, challenging.

## Growth

Thirty-five lawyers joined our firm last year. Accomplished talent at all levels of experience found a home in each of our Hallways, and in all three of our thriving departments—Trial, Business, and Intellectual Property. Simultaneously, our existing talent continued to flourish as nine of our lawyers were elected to Partner from Counsel, and two more were promoted to Counsel from Associate. Importantly, these 11 career advancements included six lawyers from historically underrepresented groups.

Our rapidly expanding Business Litigation Group grew more than 25% in 2021, with particularly strong increases in the Los Angeles and Chicago Hallways. The Business Litigation Practice Group continued to add to an impressively skilled pipeline of up-and-coming lawyers with 12 or fewer years of experience, 100% of whom are from historically underrepresented groups. Our White Collar practice area also met with great success in 2021, representing clients in a wide range of high-profile federal and state criminal actions.

Our extraordinarily productive nationwide Intellectual Property Department filed 32% more patent applications than in the prior year with an impressive 771 patents issued. We opened an astonishing number of IP litigation matters in 2021—up 63% in just one year. Of the seven lawyers who joined our IP Department in 2021, six of them are women. In total, more than 40% of this department is now composed of professionals from historically underrepresented groups.



**Joe Morford,**  
Managing Partner  
Tucker Ellis LLC



Our cornerstone Trial Department—a rare group in the country with both top-flight litigation skills and genuine trial capabilities—continued to build on its long history of success. In total, we had 11 trials, with seven going to verdict in California, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, and Ohio. Six of those verdicts were successful defense verdicts, while the one plaintiff's verdict was in an assumed liability matter. One of these 11 trials was completely virtual, and another, *Monroe v. Johnson & Johnson*, was named one of Courtroom View Network's Top 10 Most Impressive Defense Verdicts of 2021.

“Over the past five years we have internally elected 35 people into our partnership.”

On the litigation side, we continued to see matters and groups of matters through to successful resolution and disposition by motion in states throughout the country. Our work in Health & Life Sciences was recognized by LMG Life Sciences, which named Tucker Ellis its 2021 Product Liability Firm of the Year, and our Mass Tort & Product Liability and Class Action Litigation groups earned a National Tier 1 ranking in *U.S. News – Best Lawyers®* “Best Law Firms.”

The Business Department continues to thrive. Our expanding Corporate and Mergers & Acquisitions practices were active across Ohio, Illinois, and California. Our representation of AMPEX Brands—a Yum! Brands Inc. and 7-Eleven franchisee—in the nationally reported acquisition of bakery-café chain Au Bon Pain from Panera Bread is a notable highlight. The Finance and Banking teams closed deals valued in excess of \$4.5 billion with our Real Estate group closing transactions with a combined total of more than \$6.2 billion.



**65%**

of Practice Group Leaders are from underrepresented populations



**771**

patents issued



**55%**

of 2022 partnership class included attorneys from underrepresented groups

## Diversity, Equity & Inclusion



We are particularly proud to have earned **Mansfield Certification+** by Diversity Lab. **Certification+** means that we not only *considered* at least 30% historically underrepresented attorneys for things like partnership, firm leadership roles, committees, and client teams, but that we actually accomplished our goal to *include* at least 30% historically underrepresented attorneys in such roles. The best news is that we accomplished this feat without needing to change anything from what we always have done—aside from actually tracking and reporting the results.

*To each of you who entrusts us with your work or helped us along the way, thank you. Without you, none of this is possible. We continue to be as we always are: grateful, proud, humble, confident, and looking forward to marching onward with you as we strive to provide all we encounter with a better experience than they can get from any other law firm.*

**Joe Morford**, Managing Partner  
Tucker Ellis LLC

# Welcome Our New Attorneys



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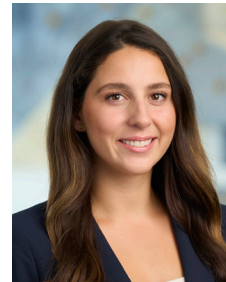
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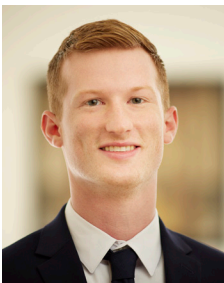
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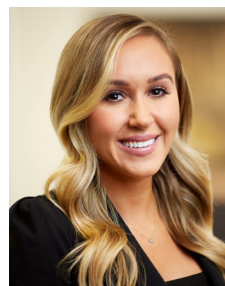
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