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## Finn Dixon & Herling Elects New Partners

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Finn Dixon & Herling LLP is pleased to announce that it has elected three new partners as members of the Firm effective January 1, 2016.

Reed Balmer's practice focuses on the life cycle of private equity funds, venture capital funds and hedge funds, from formation and drafting operating documents through fundraising and investor negotiations to post-launch matters. Reed also works with managers of private funds on matters ranging from negotiating economic and control arrangements to registration and compliance to interactions with regulators.

"Reed brings to our practice a terrific combination of skills and experience, particularly in adding a regulatory overlay to a wealth of practical advice provided to private equity and other investment fund sponsors. We are delighted to have Reed as our partner," said Brett Dixon, partner and a founder of Finn Dixon & Herling.

"I am proud to be part of such a bright and accomplished group of attorneys," said Reed. "The depth of commitment and expertise embodied by my colleagues at Finn Dixon & Herling has always impressed me, and I look forward to continuing that tradition."

Mr. Balmer earned his J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School (2005) and his B.A. from Reed College (1999). He resides in Westport with his wife Melissa and their two children.

Richard Kohlberger practices general corporate law, with a focus on mergers and acquisitions. "Rich is a highly valued member of our Private Equity and Mergers and Acquisitions groups and we are thrilled that he will be joining us as a partner of the Firm. Rich exemplifies all of the attributes we are looking for in a partner. His commitment to providing the highest level of service to our clients, combined with great problem solving is extraordinary. We are fortunate to have him join us as a partner," said Michael Herling, administrative partner and a founder of Finn Dixon & Herling.

"FDH's consistent focus on providing solutions to its clients' business law needs has attracted a talented team of attorneys and staff that provides outstanding legal services," said Rich. "I am honored to be a partner of FDH and eager to continue bringing my expertise to the Firm's highly successful corporate practice."

Mr. Kohlberger earned his J.D. from New York University School of Law (2003), his M.A. *summa cum laude*, from Covenant Theological Seminary (2000) and his B.A. from Vanderbilt University (1998). He resides in Greenwich, Connecticut with his wife Jenning and their three children.

Justin Shigemi specializes in the representation of hedge funds, other investments funds, investment managers and broker-dealers. He advises on a broad range of legal, compliance and business matters including formation and structuring, federal and state registration and regulation, and seed investment, institutional managed account and other contract matters.

Matthew Eisenberg, a partner in the Investment Management group, says, "Justin is an outstanding member of our investment funds and investment management group. His extensive technical expertise and understanding of the investment management business, as well as his client service orientation, has generated a high level of client loyalty and will enable the Firm to continue to grow the practice."

"I am grateful to have been elected a partner of the Firm. It has been an honor to work alongside Finn Dixon & Herling's distinguished practitioners in the hedge fund and investment management space over the past seven years. I look forward to the future as we continue to provide our clients with sophisticated, responsive and cost-effective legal representation," said Justin regarding his election to partner.

Mr. Shigemi earned his J.D. from New York University School of Law (2005) and his B.A. from Yale University (1998). He resides in Stamford, Connecticut with his wife Casey.

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