

LEWIS ROCA ANNOUNCES PARTNERSHIP CLASS 2022

Press Release

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PHOENIX (January 10, 2022) – Lewis Roca has selected 14 lawyers to join the firm’s partnership effective January 1, 2022.

Nicholas S. Bauman

Litigation
Phoenix

Bauman, a member of the firm’s Litigation Practice Group, is a trial court litigator whose practice focuses on commercial litigation, including disputes within companies, breach of contract, business torts, breach of fiduciary duty, and bankruptcy proceedings. He has experience in a variety of industries, including financial services, health care, real estate, and agriculture industries.

Prior to joining the firm, Bauman served as a law clerk to the Honorable Robert M. Brutinel of the Arizona Supreme Court. During law school, he served as an articles editor for the *Arizona Law Review* and as an extern to the Honorable Peter J. Eckerstrom of the Arizona Court of Appeals. Bauman received his J.D., summa cum laude, from the University of Arizona, James E. Rogers College of Law, Order of the Coif and his B.A. from the University of Arizona.

Brian Blakley

Litigation
Las Vegas

Blakley is a member of the firm’s Litigation Practice Group and focuses his practice on class actions and complex disputes. He is the co-leader of the firm’s Class Action Group. In addition to his complex litigation practice, Blakley frequently handles copyright and trademark disputes and high value judgment-collection matters. He is a go-to lawyer for enforcing large judgments in Nevada. He regularly represents banks, insurers, manufacturers, government entities, religious institutions, and businesses of all sizes. He has been recognized as a *Mountain States Super Lawyers Rising Star* in the area of class action/mass torts since 2020.

Professionals

- Nicholas S. Bauman
- Brian Blakley
- Michael Charles Brown
- Tyler J. Carrell
- Dietrich C. Hoefner
- Jennifer K. Hostetler
- Kyle W. Kellar
- Dale (Malani) Kotchka-Alanes
- Molly A. Magestro
- Rachel A. Nicholas
- Adam Reich
- Nicole Scott
- Angela M. Vichick
- Drew Wilson

Practice Areas

- Intellectual Property
- Litigation and Disputes
- Real Estate
- Regulatory Compliance

Offices

- Denver
- Las Vegas
- Los Angeles
- Phoenix
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Prior to joining the firm, Blakley served as a law clerk to Judge Robert C. Jones of the U.S. District Court for the District of Nevada. Blakley received his J.D., magna cum laude, from Brigham Young University, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Order of the Coif and his B.A. magna cum laude, from Brigham Young University.

Michael Charles Brown

Litigation
Phoenix

Brown, a member of the firm's Litigation Practice Group, is an experienced litigator whose practice focuses on construction, securities, and real estate disputes. Brown represents owners, general contractors, subcontractors, and material suppliers on all aspects of construction projects, from inception to well beyond completion, including scope issues, risk allocation, delays, changes, design and construction defects, payment issues, mechanic's liens, and licensing issues. In his securities litigation practice, he represents broker-dealers, registered representatives, and registered investment advisers concerning customer suitability and supervision claims, securities fraud, and licensing matters. Brown's real estate litigation experience includes foreclosures, agreements for sale, easements, deed restrictions, quiet title actions, and landlord/tenant disputes.

Brown is an active member of the State Bar of Arizona's Construction Law Section and regularly attends and speaks at its events. He is also a frequent speaker to the Arizona Builders Alliance and other construction industry groups. He was recognized in the "Ones to Watch" category in the area of construction by *The Best Lawyers in America* 2022. Brown received his J.D. summa cum laude, from Arizona State University, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, his B.S. and B.A., summa cum laude, from Arizona State University.

Tyler Carrell

Business Transactions
Phoenix

Carrell, a member of the firm's Business Transactions Practice Group, focuses his practice on real estate transactions, commercial finance, and general corporate law. He has significant experience in all aspects of corporate law representing real estate developers, lenders, non-profit organizations, and borrowers. He has handled matters including the acquisition, financing, leasing and disposition of retail, office, residential, and mixed-use developments. Carrell also represents financial institutions in commercial finance transactions including real estate and asset-based equipment and warehouse lending. Additionally, he has managed enforcement of loan agreements, real estate leases, guaranties, contracts, real estate purchase agreements, commercial contract guarantees, and deficiency, and loan default matters.

An avid supporter and member of the legal community, Carrell served as President of the Maricopa County Bar Association in 2020 and currently serves on the North Mountain Village Planning Committee. He was the recipient of the inaugural Steven H. Hirsch Outstanding Young Lawyer award in 2016 and was recognized in the "Ones to Watch" category in the area of real estate law by *The Best Lawyers in America* 2022.

Carrell received his J.D. from the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Arizona State University and his B.S. from the University of Arizona.

Dietrich C. Hoefner

Regulatory and Government
Denver

Hoefner is a member in the firm's Regulatory and Government Practice Group and focuses on complex regulatory matters for a wide range of clients across numerous industries including energy, utilities, natural resources, and alcoholic beverages. He is also a member of the firm's renewable energy decommissioning industry team, focusing on strategies to address and anticipate changing regulations affecting end-of-life issues for renewable energy facilities. He was recognized in the "Ones to Watch" category in the area of energy and natural resources law by *The Best Lawyers in America* in 2021 and 2022.

Prior to joining the firm, Hoefner was a lawyer at the Colorado Office of the Attorney General, where he worked on energy utility and consumer protection matters. He was also a research fellow at the Silicon Flatirons Center for Law, Technology, and Entrepreneurship, where he focused on energy regulation. He received his J.D. from the University of Colorado Law School and his B.A. from Lafayette College.

Jennifer K. Hostetler

Litigation
Las Vegas

Hostetler is a member of the firm's Litigation Practice Group and focuses her practice in the areas of employment and business litigation. She represents clients in state and federal court against claims of discrimination, harassment, retaliation, wrongful termination, breach of contract, and violation of wage and hour laws. Hostetler has practiced before the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the Nevada Equal Rights Commission, representing employers against claims filed by employees under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act. She also counsels and advises employers with respect to their employment decisions and practices. She regularly prepares and reviews employment policies, contracts, severance agreements, and handbooks.

As a litigator, Hostetler assists individuals and companies in a broad range of business litigation disputes, including complex business contract and tort disputes. She has experience in all aspects of litigation from drafting initial pleadings and conducting discovery to summary judgment and trial.

Hostetler previously served as chief deputy attorney general for the state of Nevada. As chief, she supervised seven lawyers dedicated exclusively to representing the state of Nevada in personnel and employment law matters and advised and counseled Nevada's state governmental agencies and public officials on day-to-day personnel matters in compliance with the state of Nevada personnel system and state and federal employment laws.

Hostetler has been recognized as one of *The Best Lawyers in America* in 2021 and 2022 in the area of employment law – management and a *Mountain States Super Lawyers Rising Star* in employment and labor since 2019. She received her J.D., cum laude, from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, William S. Boyd School of Law and her B.A., magna cum laude, from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Kyle W. Kellar

Intellectual Property
Los Angeles

Kellar, a member of the firm's Intellectual Property Practice Group, focuses his practice on all aspects of intellectual property prosecution and enforcement. He has extensive experience drafting and prosecuting patents in a broad array of technologies and for large and small entities.

Kellar also represents plaintiffs and defendants in district court proceedings, including appellate proceedings before the Federal Circuit. He is also a member of the firm's Inter Partes Review (IPR) team and frequently represents clients in IPR proceedings.

Prior to attending law school, Kellar worked for Faurecia Interior Systems, where he assisted with the design and manufacture of automotive interiors for companies, including Chrysler and Mercedes-Benz. He received his J.D. from Pepperdine University School of Law and his B.S. from Oakland University. He also holds a certificate in dispute resolution from the Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution.

Dale Kotchka-Alanes

Litigation
Las Vegas

Kotchka-Alanes, a member of the firm's Litigation Practice Group, focuses her practice on appeals and a wide variety of business and intellectual property matters, including constitutional claims, trade secret theft, contract claims, naming rights, and administrative regulation. She represents clients in litigation, arbitration, negotiating settlements, and interacting with agencies who regulate their businesses.

Before joining the firm, Kotchka-Alanes clerked for two years for the Honorable Susan R. Bolton, U.S. District Court Judge for the District of Arizona. During law school, she worked with the Worker and Immigrant Rights Advocacy Clinic, representing immigration detainees and arguing in federal court. She also served as a legal intern with the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia at The Hague.

Kotchka-Alanes has been named a *Mountain States Super Lawyers Rising Star* in the area of business litigation since 2018. She received her J.D. from Yale Law School and her B.A., summa cum laude, from Loyola Marymount University.

Molly A. Magestro

Business Transactions
Phoenix

Magestro, a member of the firm's Business Transactions Practice Group, focuses on corporate and real estate transactions providing comprehensive representation and legal consulting services to corporate clients in the real estate, construction, property management, and finance industries. She represents institutional clients in a variety of corporate and real estate transactions involving development, financing, acquisition and sale of luxury multifamily, retail, office and industrial projects on a national, regional and local scale, and other business matters. Her experience includes the

development of custom contracts and related legal instruments for complex business and real estate transactions, strategic negotiation, advising clients about transactional and regulatory requirements in the areas of business formation and reorganization, statutory and regulatory compliance, and due diligence.

Magestro was recognized in the “Ones to Watch” category in the area of real estate law by *The Best Lawyers in America* in 2022 and as a *Southwest Super Lawyers Rising Star* in the area of real estate in 2021. She received her J.D. from the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law at Arizona State University where she was a Willard H. Pedrick Scholar. She received her B.S. and B.A., summa cum laude, from Arizona State University.

Rachel A. Nicholas

Intellectual Property
Phoenix

Nicholas is a member of the firm’s Intellectual Property Practice Group and partners with clients on trademark, copyright, publicity rights, and social media matters. She helps clients overcome the challenges found in selecting, clearing, registering, and enforcing their trademarks and copyrights in the U.S. and internationally. Nicholas represents clients of all sizes and across a variety of industries, including one of the world’s top hotel chains, and a major league sports team as well as fitness and wellness influencers. She also provides counsel to local nonprofit organizations and startups.

Nicholas regularly partners with clients to help manage and grow U.S.-based and international trademark portfolios and has represented clients in cancellation and opposition proceedings before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board. She also routinely negotiates, drafts, and counsels clients on intellectual property-related agreements, including assignments, licensing and cross licensing, consent/coexistence, concurrent use, independent contractor and others.

Nicholas was recognized as one of the Valley’s “Next Generation of Legal Leaders” by *The Phoenix Business Journal* in 2021. She received her J.D., magna cum laude, from Arizona State University, Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law, Order of the Coif, and her B.A. from Loyola Marymount University.

Adam Reich

Litigation
Phoenix

Reich, a member of the firm’s Litigation Practice Group, focuses his practice on commercial litigation, insurance coverage, business and personal injury torts, and construction litigation. He has represented clients in state and federal courts throughout the United States, including at trial. He has been recognized as a *Southwest Super Lawyers Rising Star* in the area of general and business litigation since 2017. He was also recognized in the “Ones to Watch” category in the area of commercial litigation by *The Best Lawyers in America* in 2021 and 2022.

Before attending law school, Reich served as a military police officer in the Army National Guard, He was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds he received while deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2005. Reich received his J.D. from the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law, Arizona State University, graduating with honors, Order of the Coif and Order of Barristers, and his B.A. from Arizona State University.

Nicole Scott

Litigation

Reno

As a member of the firm's Litigation Practice Group, Scott focuses her practice within the alcohol beverage industry assisting clients with licensing and regulatory matters related to business and liquor licensing for cities and municipalities throughout Nevada. She has also drafted legislation for the alcohol industry while representing both retailers and wholesalers seeking to obtain and maintain licensing throughout the state of Nevada. She also handles complex litigation matters assisting clients with informal dispute matters, mediation and settlement conferences, and hearings related to trial phases involving depositions, eDiscovery, complex discovery disputes, dispositive and pre-trial motions, and appeals. Scott has experience appearing before the Nevada Department of Taxation, the Nevada Governor's Office of Economic Development, the Nevada Governor's Office of Energy, and the Nevada Transportation Authority. She is also committed to her pro bono service, receiving multiple awards for her pro bono work.

Prior to joining Lewis Roca, Scott served as a law clerk for the Honorable Chief Justice Hardesty at the Nevada Supreme Court. She was recognized in the "Ones to Watch" category in the area of commercial litigation by *The Best Lawyers in America 2022* and named a *Mountain States Super Lawyers* "Rising Star" in business litigation in 2021.

Scott received her J.D., summa cum laude, from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, William S. Boyd School of Law, her M.A. from the University of Nevada, Reno, her M.B.A., with distinction, from Hawaii Pacific University and her B.S. B.A., with distinction, from the University of Nevada, Reno.

Angela M. Vichick

Litigation

Denver

Vichick, a member of the firm's Litigation Practice Group, represents individual and institutional clients in complex litigation. Vichick's practice focuses on business and real estate matters, including disputes involving contract, civil theft, derivative, fiduciary, fraud, fraudulent/preferential transfer, interpleader, probate, receivership, tort, and quiet title claims. Her advocacy experience includes dispositive motions practice, evidentiary hearings, settlement and arbitration proceedings, trials and post-trial proceedings, and appellate proceedings before the Colorado Court of Appeals, Colorado Supreme Court, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit.

Vichick was recognized in the "Ones to Watch" category in the area of commercial litigation by *The Best Lawyers in America 2022*. She was also recently selected by the Colorado Bar Association's Leadership Training Committee as a member of the COBALT class of 2022.

Actively involved in the Denver and Roaring Fork communities, Vichick currently serves as chair of the Colorado Hispanic Bar Association's pro bono committee, as a director for the CHBA Foundation's board, as a mentor in the Law School ...Yes We Can (Arguello Dream Catchers) Colorado program, and as the lead mock trial coach at Arrupe Jesuit High School.

Vichick received her J.D. from the University of Colorado Law School and her B.A. from the University of Colorado.

Drew Wilson

Intellectual Property

Los Angeles

Wilson is a member of the firm's Intellectual Property Practice Group. With degrees in computer and software engineering, he represents clients in nearly every major category of intellectual property prosecution litigation and enforcement, including patent infringement, trademark infringement, prosecution and oppositions, copyright prosecution, infringement, and policing actions.

Wilson has successfully obtained victories for his clients by a number of methods, including obtaining both preliminary and permanent injunctions, conducting successful mediations, and obtaining summary judgment in favor of his clients. He has also policed the intellectual property portfolios of a number of clients, maintaining their rights by clearing the federal trademark register and removing infringing uses of his clients' intellectual property from the internet and social media.

Wilson received his J.D., magna cum laude, from Rutgers School of Law, a M.S. from California State University Fullerton and his B.S. from the University of California, Irvine.

About Lewis Roca

Lewis Roca is an Am Law 200 law firm serving clients globally in complex litigation, intellectual property, business transactions, gaming, government relations, labor and employment, and regulatory counseling. Its offices are located in Albuquerque, Colorado Springs, Denver, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Phoenix, Reno, Silicon Valley, and Tucson. To learn more about the firm, please visit us at our website at www.lewisroca.com.

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