

PRESS RELEASE

Bartlit Beck Announces Election of Five New Partners

January 12, 2018, Chicago, IL: Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott LLP announced the election of five new partners effective January 1, 2018. Joining the partnership are Sharon Desh, Tulsi Gaonkar, Daniel McElroy, and Faye Paul of the firm's Chicago office, and Abby Hinchcliff, of the firm's Denver office.

The new partners collectively have more than 130 days of trial experience, in work ranging from witness preparation, direct and cross examination, and drafting and arguing important motions in court.

"We are pleased to congratulate these impressive lawyers on becoming partners," said Jason Peltz, a partner in the firm's Chicago office. "With the firm's focus on growing talent from within, we are very proud of what these individuals have accomplished on behalf of our clients. Sharon, Tulsi, Abby, Dan, and Faye are exceptionally talented lawyers, and they embody the firm's deep pool of talent. Our ability to attain successful results for our clients' most business-critical matters depends on hiring and retaining top young lawyers like them."

The following lawyers were elected partner:

[Sharon Desh](#)



Sharon Desh is based in Chicago and joined Bartlit Beck in 2013. Before joining the firm, Ms. Desh served as a clerk for the Honorable Edith Brown Clement of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. Ms. Desh graduated with Honors from the University of Chicago Law School and served as a member of the Chicago Journal of International Law.

Ms. Desh was most recently part of the Bartlit Beck team that won a patent infringement trial for DuPont against Unifrax in 2017. The patent at issue related to a fire barrier laminate for thermal blankets for airplanes. After a week-long trial, the jury returned a verdict for DuPont, finding that Unifrax infringed DuPont's patent and awarding millions of dollars in damages.

[Tulsi E. Gaonkar](#)



Tulsi Gaonkar is based in Chicago and joined Bartlit Beck in 2014. Previously, Ms. Gaonkar served as a clerk for the Honorable Jack B. Weinstein of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York. Ms. Gaonkar graduated from Columbia University School of Law where she was a Harlan Fiske Stone and James Kent Scholar, an editor of the Columbia Law Review, and staff editor of the Journal of Gender and Law.

Ms. Gaonkar most recently served as trial counsel for a major aerospace company in a confidential arbitration involving breach of contract claims for over half a billion dollars. Ms. Gaonkar also was a member of the Bartlit Beck team that won a summary judgment for start-up company ShaveLogic in a patent infringement case brought by Gillette in 2017.

[Abby Hinchcliff](#)



Abby Hinchcliff is based in Denver and joined Bartlit Beck in 2014. Prior to joining the firm, Ms. Hinchcliff served as a clerk for the Honorable Raymond M. Kethledge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, and for the Honorable Amul R. Thapar of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky. Ms. Hinchcliff graduated from Yale Law School where she served as an editor of the Yale Law Journal.

Ms. Hinchcliff served as trial counsel in a confidential arbitration for an oil and gas exploration and production company in a commercial and state securities law dispute. The claimant sought more than \$25 million, and after a two-week arbitration hearing, the arbitrators issued a favorable decision on every claim, and ordered the claimant to pay our client's attorney fees. Ms.

Hinchcliff has also served as co-lead trial counsel on three matters, including two confidential arbitrations and a pro bono case representing the estate of an inmate who committed suicide while being held in solitary confinement.

[Daniel McElroy](#)



Dan McElroy is based in Chicago and joined Bartlit Beck in 2013. Previously, Mr. McElroy served as a clerk for the Honorable Milton I. Shadur of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, and for the Honorable Joel M. Flaum of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. Mr. McElroy graduated *cum laude* from Northwestern University School of Law where he was selected as a member of the Order of the Coif, and served as an editor of the Journal of Law and Social Policy.

Mr. McElroy recently served as trial counsel for PacifiCare of Nevada on claims of negligence and punitive damages. After a trial, the jury found compensatory damages substantially below the amount awarded in previous trials arising out of the same events and denied plaintiffs' claim for punitive

damages. Mr. McElroy also recently served as trial counsel for Slawson Exploration Company, challenging a Department of Interior stay that barred drilling at a major oil and gas well in North Dakota. The Court granted Slawson's Motion for a Temporary Restraining Order and later granted a preliminary injunction, allowing drilling to proceed pending full agency review.

[Faye E. Paul](#)



Faye E. Paul is based in Chicago and joined Bartlit Beck in 2014. Ms. Paul served as a clerk for the Honorable Thomas L. Ambro of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, and for the Honorable Edmond E. Chang of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. Ms. Paul graduated with Honors from the University of Chicago Law School where she was champion of the Hinton Moot Court Competition and a staff member of The University of Chicago Law Review.

In 2016, Ms. Paul served as trial counsel for Bayer and its exclusive licensee Endo in ANDA litigation relating to Endo's Avedo® testosterone undecanoate injection. The bench trial ended in a complete victory for Endo and Bayer. In 2017, Ms. Paul was on the Bartlit Beck team that represented Hewlett Packard Enterprise and won a complete defense verdict in a patent infringement case in the Eastern District of Texas.

About Bartlit Beck

Bartlit Beck has achieved an unparalleled record of courtroom victories in complex litigation over the past 25 years. Founded in 1993, the firm is renowned for its trial expertise and specializes in trying and winning “bet the company” cases all over the country, in federal and state courts. The firm’s expertise is wide-ranging, from Antitrust to Class Actions to Pharmaceutical Product Liability, and much more. Based in Denver and Chicago, Bartlit Beck has 86 lawyers, with 70 partners, and 16 associates.

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