

Pashman Stein Walder Hayden Welcomes Three New Attorneys

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Pashman Stein Walder Hayden P.C. is pleased to announce that three attorneys have recently joined the firm, based in the Hackensack, New Jersey and New York, New York offices.

“I am thrilled to welcome Diane Stolbach, Christian Benante and Alana Hans-Cohen to the firm, each of whom brings a unique set of talents that will enhance our ability to serve our clients,” said Michael S. Stein, firm Chair and Managing Partner. “Diane’s 30 plus years of experience adds further depth to our Commercial Real Estate, Corporate & Business Law, and Litigation practices. Christian’s experience at an AmLaw 200 firm matches the quality of service we provide to our commercial litigation clients. And Alana’s passion for social justice issues in the Cannabis industry assists us in expanding our Cannabis & Hemp Law practice.”

Diane Stolbach joins the firm as counsel in the firm’s Commercial Real Estate, Corporate & Business Law, and Litigation practices. With more than 30 years of experience as a business lawyer, Stolbach represents business entities, owners and individuals in commercial real estate matters including sales and leases in industrial complexes, shopping centers, office buildings, and franchises, as well as business condominium formation. Stolbach draws on her background in both contract and corporate transactions, and land use along with commercial litigation, to offer clients practical, targeted solutions. She earned her J.D. from Rutgers Law School and her B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania and is admitted to practice in New Jersey.

Christian Benante joins the firm as an associate in the firm’s Litigation practice. His diverse litigation practice includes representing clients on matters involving bankruptcy, government investigations, environmental law, employment discrimination issues, and landlord-

tenant disputes. Benante has experience in all phases of litigation from discovery and pleadings through motions and trials. He served as lead counsel on the cases of more than 100 class members during the damages phase of a Title VII litigation. He also served as lead counsel in a special education case and obtained a decision in favor of his pro bono client. Previously, Benante worked as a litigation associate for a New York-based AmLaw 200 law firm. He earned his J.D. from Columbia Law School and his B.A. from Lafayette College and is admitted to practice in New York.

Alana Hans-Cohen joins the firm as an associate in the firm's Cannabis & Hemp Law practice, where she focuses her practice on the intersection of cannabis law with corporate and business law, real estate, government, and public policy. Hans-Cohen has developed a niche practice serving minority and women-owned businesses and social equity applicants with cannabis business interests on a broad range of matters, ranging from formation and the application process to compliance and licensing. She is a director and trustee of the Cannabis Advisory Group and the chair of the New York City Bar Association's Committee on Drugs and the Law. She speaks frequently on cannabis-related issues, educating municipalities, non-profits, and social equity applicants on the complexities of federal and state laws and issues. Hans-Cohen earned her J.D. from New York Law school and her B.A. from City University of New York, John Jay College of Criminal Justice. She is admitted to practice in New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Washington, Colorado, and Illinois.

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