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## *Rebecca Ford Joins the Firm as Counsel*

We are pleased to announce that [Rebecca L. Ford](#) has joined the Firm as Counsel. Rebecca concentrates her practice on complex litigation (including commercial disputes and intellectual property), compliance, board governance and specialized employment issues. Rebecca has extensive public and private entity experience advising senior level executives and boards on administrative, legal and corporate governance matters. She is the former Executive Vice President for litigation and intellectual property at the MGM movie studio where she oversaw all domestic and international litigation, as well as intellectual property matters, involving MGM, United Artists and other MGM subsidiaries.

As General Counsel and Corporate Secretary to Draper and Kramer, Inc., a major Chicago real estate and financial services institution, she was responsible for the corporation's legal matters, board relations and corporate governance; and was liaison to the City, MacArthur Foundation and other stakeholders for an innovative urban development.

She has also supervised legal services for a seven-college community college district, for which she managed major litigation, acquired and disposed of real estate, negotiated contracts, and counseled senior management on legal, regulatory compliance, and Institutional Review Board issues.

Rebecca has been a Trustee to a number of civic and cultural institutions including the Goodman Theatre, the Field Museum, the Chicago Humanities Festival and the Art Institute of Chicago. She has published articles in The Milken Institute Review, The American Lawyer, The Chicago Reader, The New York Law Journal, The Chicago Tribune and the Illinois Institute for Continuing Education.