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Announcement:

The partners are very pleased to announce that Raya Sidhu has joined the firm’s Toronto office and Mia Taghizadeh and Denny Chung have joined the firm’s Vancouver office.

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Raya Sidhu joined DWF following her call to the Ontario Bar on June 26, 2018.

Raya will work in the following areas: commercial host liability, occupiers’ liability, liquor and hospitality liability, bodily injury, and professional liability.

Prior to joining the firm, Raya articulated with a prominent personal injury firm where she gained experience in litigation.

Raya obtained an Honours Bachelor of Arts from the University of Waterloo with a major in Legal Studies. She then went on to receive her Juris Doctor degree from the University of Ottawa in 2017.

While in law school, Raya participated in numerous oral advocacy competitions. Notably, she won first place in the Canadian National Negotiation Competition. Her performance



led her to the International Negotiation Competition where she competed against more than 30 teams from around the world, and was awarded second place.

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Mia Taghizadeh's practice encompasses a broad range of insurance related matters. She has experience in the areas of bodily injury claims, occupiers' liability, sports and recreation liability, professional negligence, and insurance coverage. Mia has regularly appeared before the British Columbia Supreme and Provincial Courts.

Mia was called to the B.C. bar in 2014 after completing her articles with a large regional firm. She then worked as in-house counsel providing advice to a large transportation/recreation company on liability and risk management strategies for one year before returning to private practice and joining a litigation boutique firm.

In law school, Mia competed in the Canadian Corporate and Securities Moot Competition, and won numerous awards including the Diane Kilpatrick Memorial Scholarship in Law, a Law Foundation Award, the McMillan LLP Scholarship, and the Chief Justice Allan McEachern Entrance Scholarship. Mia was also awarded the FMC First Year Fellowship in Business Law, which included a research role with a UBC property law professor on matters of land title insurance.

Outside of work Mia sits on the board of directors of a number of organizations including the West Coast Legal Education and Action Fund ("LEAF") which strives to advance gender equality in the law.



Denny Chung, DWF Vancouver

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Denny joined the DWF's Vancouver office after articling at a civil litigation firm in Vancouver.

Denny has experience in civil litigation and dispute resolution, and has handled claims in the areas of bodily injury, occupiers' liability, professional errors & omissions, medical malpractice, liquor liability, sports and recreation liability, employment law, and human rights law.

Denny has represented clients before the Supreme Court of British Columbia, the British Columbia Provincial Court, the Alberta Provincial Court, and administrative tribunals.

He also co-authored the publication "Traumatic Brain Injury in Personal Injury Litigation" for the Continuing Legal Education Society of British Columbia in 2018.

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