

Williams & Connolly Partners Shortlisted for 2019 LMG Rising Star Awards

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Partners **Jessamyn Berniker**, **Sarah Harris**, and **David Riskin** have been shortlisted for the LMG Americas Rising Star Awards. The award recognizes lawyers under the age of 40 who are an influential and leading professionals in their chosen field.

Jessamyn Berniker, nominated in the patent category, has spent nearly two decades focusing on patent litigation and licensing disputes. She has extensive experience in patent litigation and licensing dispute matters in the pharmaceutical, biotechnology, electronic, mechanical, digital media, and medical device industries. In conjunction with her pharmaceutical practice, Jessamyn has served as counsel to companies such as AstraZeneca, Pfizer, Merck, Alcon (now part of Novartis), Takeda, and Bayer.

Sarah Harris, nominated in the appellate category, focuses her practice on complex appellate litigation. She has represented clients in high-stakes appeals in the U.S. Supreme Court and federal and state appellate courts across the country. She has argued before federal courts of appeals and state supreme courts. Her cases have covered a wide range of topics, including constitutional law, administrative law, class actions, antitrust, False Claims Act litigation, products liability, and federal civil procedure.

David Riskin, nominated in the litigation: general commercial category, manages complex and bet-the-company matters in state and federal courts, with a particular focus on defending professional liability and conflict-of-interests claims against law firms, and handling copyright and trade-secret matters. His commercial litigation experience has spanned a variety of industries, including financial services and securities, commercial real estate, medical devices, aerospace, healthcare, and technology. And he has represented individuals in civil, criminal, and governmental proceedings, both domestically and abroad.

LMG will announce the finalists in each category at its awards reception in New York on September 12, 2019.

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