

# McGlinchey Names New Members, Counsel in 4 Offices

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McGlinchey Stafford is pleased to announce the addition of three new Members (Partners) of the firm, all of whom were formerly Of Counsel at McGlinchey:

- **Mikelle Bliss** (Commercial Litigation, New York City)
- **Lynette Hotchkiss** (Consumer Financial Services Compliance, Nashville)
- **Michael Odom** (Real Estate, Birmingham)

**Charles “Chase” Stoecker** (Labor and Employment, Fort Lauderdale) has been named Of Counsel.

“I am proud to welcome these colleagues into the ranks of Membership and Counsel within the McGlinchey family,” said **Michael Ferachi**, Managing Member of the firm. “Mikelle, Lynette, Michael, and Chase have been wonderful additions to our team, and I congratulate them on these new positions. I am also delighted that these attorneys reflect the diversity we see as the future of McGlinchey.”

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*“As a Member, I am excited to continue partnering with my colleagues, for whom I have great respect, as we grow our firm in service of clients’ needs.” – Mikelle Bliss*

Mikelle joined the firm in 2019. She serves as Managing Attorney of the New York City Office and focuses her practice on defense of consumer protection and lender liability claims in state and federal courts. Mikelle has more than 20 years of experience counseling clients on mortgage servicing quality control and the constantly changing New York regulatory landscape. She has previous experience with a variety of legal matters, including construction litigation, fraud claims, property disputes, commercial foreclosures, corporate representation, and estate litigation. Mikelle graduated with a J.D. from Pace University School of Law and a B.S. from the University of Vermont.

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*“I look forward to continuing to serve banking and consumer finance clients in the role of Member in the Consumer Financial Services Compliance practice group. It is an honor to hold this role among many esteemed attorneys.” – Lynette Hotchkiss*

Lynette joined McGlinchey in 2020 and has previous experience as General Counsel and other in-house roles at banks, and as a senior regulator within the federal government. Lynette advises financial institutions on legal and regulatory matters related to consumer financial protection, corporate governance, risk management, and

other bank safety and soundness issues. Lynette earned a J.D. from Willamette University College of Law and a B.S. from Pacific Union College.

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*"I am very proud to be named a Member at McGlinchey, where I will continue the standard of excellent service delivered to our clients." – Michael Odom*

Michael joined the firm's Birmingham Office in 2018. He has represented clients in a broad array of real estate transactions, finance, and litigation. Michael represents banks, other lenders, and title insurance companies in a full range of transactions and disputes, and has represented landowners whose property is being condemned through eminent domain. With more than 25 years of litigation experience, Michael serves as an arbitrator and mediator and is registered on the Alabama State Court Mediation Roster and the Alabama Arbitrator Roster. Michael holds a J.D. from Samford University Cumberland School of Law and a B.A. from the University of the South.

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*"Being named Of Counsel at McGlinchey is an exciting development in my practice. I look forward to serving clients alongside my colleagues in this capacity." – Chase Stoecker*

Chase joined the firm in 2017 as an Associate. He is a talented trial lawyer whose practice spans a wide variety of commercial litigation topics including labor and employment as well as consumer financial services matters at the state, federal, and appellate levels. Chase has written extensively to advise clients on topics ranging from employers' COVID-19 protocols to litigation updates and reports. Chase earned a J.D. cum laude from Michigan State University College of Law and a B.A. from the University of Michigan.

## Related people

Mikelle V. Bliss

Lynette Hotchkiss

Chase Stoecker

Michael D. Ferachi