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Ms. White has extensive litigation experience representing clients both domestically and abroad. She represents clients in a broad array of white collar and complex commercial litigation as well as internal investigations and compliance. She also represents entertainment and media clients in matters concerning First Amendment and defamation issues. For nearly a decade, Ms. White served as counsel to the SIPA trustee to the Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities estate to trace and recover assets across the globe. She handles disputes for clients in racketeering, fraud, corruption, antitrust, bankruptcy, libel, and business disputes.

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Mark Bailen focuses his practice on media and publishing matters, including libel, privacy, copyrights and trademarks, while also performing complex commercial litigation and international arbitration. As media and technology have evolved, Mark has transitioned from representing traditional media outlets to also representing clients in the growing fields of the internet and digital media. He represents websites, bloggers and others who publish and disseminate news, information, opinions and ideas. His involvement with all mediums of publication leaves Mark with a full understanding of the rights and obligations of content publishers. He advises clients on the potential legal issues related to their content and is proactive in developing the appropriate solutions to protect clients in their publishing endeavors.

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