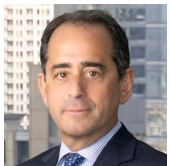


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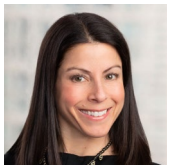
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## New Shareholders



### **Misha Daha**

Finance & Transactions, New York

Ms. Daha represents borrowers and lenders in domestic and cross-border financings with a focus on fund finance. She has extensive experience advising her clients on complex financing transactions including direct lending, subscription facilities, NAV facilities, letter of credit facilities and other secured and unsecured lending transactions.

“Adding Misha’s sophisticated fund finance experience to our Finance & Transactions team will help us continue to meet the needs of our lending, private fund and private equity sponsor clients,” said Vedder Price President and CEO Michael A. Nemeroff. “She is an outstanding addition as we continue to expand our fund finance and debt fund practice areas, and we are very pleased to welcome her to Vedder Price.”

### **Brent K. Yamashita**

Intellectual Property, San Francisco

Mr. Yamashita brings more than 25 years of experience to Vedder Price, and in his new role he focuses on patent litigation, patent prosecution, and inter partes review (IPR) proceedings.

“Adding Brent to our growing IP practice significantly strengthens our ability to meet the always evolving needs of our clients, and we are thrilled to welcome him to Vedder Price,” said Robert S. Rigg, Shareholder and Chair, Intellectual Property group. “He brings tremendous experience to what is an already robust and highly strategic group and we look forward to him being an important part of our team moving forward.”

## Vedder Price Recognitions

### The Legal 500 UK 2025:

Two of our Practice Groups and ten of our lawyers have been named in the 2025 *Legal 500* UK Ranking.

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### Chambers & Partners UK 2025:

Vedder Price is pleased to share that three partners and one practice area have been ranked by Chambers UK in 2025.

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### Best Law Firms List 2025:

Several of Vedder Price's practice groups have been named to the 2025 Best Law Firms list by Best Lawyers.

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### IEL Elite 2025:

Vedder Price has been selected for inclusion as a Multijurisdictional Elite firm in the International Employment Lawyer's 2025 IEL Elite list.

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### Daryll V. Marshall

Finance & Transactions, Chicago

With more than 25 years of experience, Mr. Marshall focuses his practice on finance, mergers and acquisitions, private equity and corporate law. He primarily concentrates on private equity sponsors, public and private borrowers in connection with leveraged buyout financings for acquisitions, working capital facilities, recapitalizations and portfolio restructuring transactions across a broad range of business sectors, including technology, apparel, cannabis, transportation, automotive, energy, healthcare, manufacturing and professional services.

"Adding Daryll to our Finance & Transactions team significantly enhances our capabilities for leveraged finance representation to our private equity clients," said Vedder Price President and CEO Michael A. Nemeroff. "We're very pleased to welcome him to the firm and he'll be an outstanding addition to our team overall."



### Fernando L. Tamayo

Litigation, Miami

Mr. Tamayo focuses his practice on anti-corruption/anti-bribery (FCPA) compliance, government investigations, white collar criminal defense and complex commercial litigation matters. Prior to joining Vedder Price, he worked for 14 years at one of Miami's premier boutique litigation firms. He also previously worked as a prosecutor at the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office and for the Boston Red Sox organization, where he managed international scouting operations for the club and oversaw international legal issues, including matters relating to foreign player age and identity fraud.

"Continuing to expand and build out our government investigations and white collar criminal defense team both in Miami and nationally remains a top priority," said Junaid Zubairi, Shareholder and Chair of the Government Investigations and White Collar Defense group. "Adding Fernando's leadership and experience further solidifies our team and significantly deepens our bench moving forward."

## Recent Wins

### Vedder Price Represents CGI in Equity Purchase Agreement to Merge Operations with Daugherty

Vedder Price represented CGI, a global IT and business consulting services firm, in its equity purchase agreement to merge operations with Daugherty, a St. Louis-based professional services firm specializing in artificial intelligence, data analytics, strategic IT consulting and business advisory services for Fortune 500 clients in the financial services, healthcare, communications, retail and manufacturing sectors.

The Vedder deal team was led by Finance & Transactions Shareholder Shelby Parnes and included Finance & Transactions Associates Daniel Nambiar and Elizabeth O'Hara, Tax Shareholder Matthew Larvick and Litigation Shareholder Brian McCalmon.

### Vedder Price Represents CAPTRUST in Its Investment in Boston Financial Management

Vedder Price represented CAPTRUST in its investment in Boston Financial Management, a provider of wealth management and investment advisory services for individuals, families, endowments and not-for-profit organizations.

The Vedder deal team was led by M&A Shareholder Adam Lewis. The deal team also included M&A Associates Miri Joo and Alec Lybik, Investment Services Shareholder Joe Mannon and Associate Adam Goldman, Labor & Employment Shareholder Michelle Olson and Associate Amal Rafiq and Tax Shareholder Matthew Larvick and Associate Robbie Alipour.

### Vedder Price Represents U.S. Bank National Association in \$700 Million Loan to Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc.

Vedder Price represented U.S. Bank National Association as administrative agent and

lender in a \$700 million, 364-day delayed draw term loan facility for Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. to finance general corporate purposes.

The Vedder deal team was led by Finance & Transactions Shareholder Tomasz Kulawik and included Finance & Transactions Associate Ellen Goff.

### Vedder Price Advises on Sale of BigChange to Simpro Group

Vedder Price advised founders and shareholders, Martin and Amanda Port, on the sale of BigChange, a leading field service management software company for the service and transport sectors, to Simpro Group in a transaction led by private equity firm Great Hill Partners.

“We are thrilled to recognise Andrew Harris and his dedicated team at Vedder Price for their exceptional guidance and commitment throughout this transaction,” said Martin Port, founder of BigChange. “Andrew’s insight and expertise have been invaluable, and his team’s efforts to secure this deal reflect their high standards and focus on client success. This sale marks an exciting chapter for BigChange, one that builds on years of dedicated partnership with Vedder Price, positioning us strongly for the future alongside Simpro Group.”

“We were delighted to be involved in this important milestone in the company’s future, having seen the tremendous commitment, dedication and focus on client service of Martin and Amanda as they have grown the business from a start-up,” said Andrew Harris, Vedder Price European Head of Corporate and Private Equity, who led the team on the transaction which included UK Associate Arthur Caplin, U.S. Partner Shelby Parnes and U.S. Counsel Christopher Barrett.

## Vedder Price Represents Avia Solutions Group (ASG) in Expansion Transaction with Boeing

Vedder Price represented Avia Solutions Group (ASG) in connection with a direct purchase agreement with Boeing for 40 737-8 airplanes, with the transaction also having the potential to order 40 additional airplanes at a later date.

With this transaction, ASG, the world's largest ACMI (aircraft, crew, maintenance, insurance) provider, is now well positioned for future fleet expansion and growth to meet the ongoing needs for its customers.

"This is notably a very important transaction for our ASG colleagues, and we were happy to collaborate with them on this deal," said Global Transportation Finance Shareholder Raviv Surpin. "We believe this move will now strategically position them very well for both the short and long term future."

Headquartered in Dublin, ASG consists of 250+ companies providing a wide range of aviation services. In addition to Mr. Surpin, the Vedder Price team included Law Clerk Dylan Allen.

## Vedder Price Advises Maritime Partners LLC in \$750 Million Warehouse Financing Transaction

Vedder Price represented Maritime Partners, LLC, in the closing of a \$750 million, first-of-its-kind, warehouse facility financing.

The facility is collateralized by three wholly owned business lines within one of Maritime Partners' managed funds and is funded by a syndicate of lenders led by ATLAS SP Partners. The initial portfolio includes Jones Act tankers, U.S.-flagged tankers and other vessels engaged in U.S. coastal and international trade. In the future, the portfolio is also expected to include an additional fleet of barges as well as newbuild vessels that are or will be operated in inland marine and U.S. coastwise trade.

"This is another important credit transaction for the Maritime Partners team, notable for including a diverse mix of maritime assets within a single warehouse financing," said Global Transportation Finance Shareholder Clay Thomas. "This facility should position Maritime Partners very well for continued growth in the Jones Act, U.S.-flag and wider maritime industries."

In addition to Thomas, the Vedder Price team included Shareholders John Imhof, Joel Thielen and Matt Larvick, as well as Associates Jeff Landers, John Geager and Troy Guglielmo.

## Vedder Price Represents GA Telesis in Significant Purchase Agreement with Spirit Airlines

Vedder Price represented GA Telesis, the pioneering leader in integrated aviation services and a global leader in aerospace solutions, in a significant purchase agreement transaction.

With this purchase agreement, GA Telesis has secured the necessary approvals to acquire 23 used Airbus A320ceo and A321ceo aircraft from Spirit Airlines, Inc. The aircraft, powered by V2527-A5 and V2533-A5 Select-One™ jet engines, were manufactured between 2014 and 2019, marking GA Telesis' largest-ever acquisition of non-leased aircraft of similar vintages.

"This is a highly significant portfolio acquisition for GA Telesis, and we were happy to collaborate with them in closing this deal," said Vedder Price Global Transportation Finance Shareholder Geoff Kass. "Looking ahead to their long-term future, we believe this strategic transaction puts them strongly positioned to meet their clients' needs on a global scale."

In addition to Kass, other members of the Vedder Price team included Shareholder Michael Edelman.

## Vedder Price Represents Tortoise Funds in Strategic Initiative

On December 20, 2024, the mergers of Tortoise Pipeline & Energy Fund, Inc. (NYSE: TTP), Tortoise Energy Independence Fund, Inc. (NYSE: NDP) and Tortoise Power and Energy Infrastructure Fund, Inc. (NYSE: TPZ) with and into a wholly owned subsidiary of Tortoise Power and Energy Infrastructure Fund, a series of Tortoise Capital Series Trust and a newly formed exchange-traded fund, were completed. TTP, NDP and TPZ are closed-end funds that trade on the NYSE. As a result of the merger, each merged fund was converted into an actively managed exchange-traded fund. The combined fund will continue to trade on the NYSE under the ticker TPZ as an exchange-traded fund.

On December 23, 2024, the merger of Tortoise Midstream Energy Fund, Inc. (NYSE: NTG) with and into a wholly owned subsidiary of Tortoise Energy Infrastructure Corporation (NYSE: TYG) was completed. The combined fund will continue to trade on the NYSE under the ticker TYG.

“We are pleased to have guided our long-standing client through all aspects of this important strategic initiative,” said Vedder Price Shareholder Deborah Bielicke Eades.

The Vedder Price team was led by Investment Services Group Shareholders Deborah Bielicke Eades, Jacob Tiedt and Cody Vitello. Additional team members include Adam Goldman, Chris Barrett, Nathaniel Segal, Christina West, Liz Baxter, Devin Eager, Dan Sherlock and Andrew Falevich.

## Awards and Accolades

### Junaid Zubairi and Rachel Copenhaver Named to Enforcement Elite 2024 List

Government Investigations & White Collar Defense Shareholders Rachel T. Copenhaver

and Junaid Zubairi have been named to the “Enforcement Elite” 2024 list, published by Securities Docket. This prestigious recognition honors the top securities enforcement defense attorneys in the industry.

### Javier “Javy” Lopez Selected for 2024 Miami-Dade Bar Circle of Excellence Award

The prestigious award recognizes attorneys and paralegals that exemplify the highest ethics and values within Florida’s network of legal professionals. Each nominee is measured by their work and accolades within their respective practice and selected by members of the Miami-Dade Bar.

### Amal Rafiq Selected as President-Elect of South Asian Bar Association Board of Directors

Executive Compensation & Employee Benefits Associate Amal Rafiq has been selected as President-Elect of the South Asian Bar Association of Washington, DC. SABA-DC is a voluntary bar association dedicated to the need, concerns and interests of the South Asian legal community in the Washington, DC metropolitan area.

In this role Rafiq will work closely with the President to provide leadership and strategic direction for the organization, ensuring it fulfills its mission and goals. Rafiq will also be responsible for overseeing the board’s public interest efforts and yearly programming, and spearheading efforts to identify new opportunities for fundraising. In the absence of the President, she will have the power of the President. In 2026, Rafiq will serve as the President of the organization. Rafiq currently serves on the SABA-DC board as the Treasurer, and was previously elected to the board of SABA-Philadelphia.

## Clay Thomas Named to *LABJ* Thriving in Their 40s List

Global Transportation Finance Shareholder Clay Thomas has been selected for the *Los Angeles Business Journal's (LABJ)* Thriving in Their 40s 2024 list. Clay is featured in the December 30 issue of the publication under the "Leaders of Influence" section.

## Arianna Goodman, Katherine Devlin, and Sam Deau Named in 2025 Best Lawyers Under 40 by *D Magazine*

Shareholder Arianna Goodman and Associates Katherine Devlin and Samuel Deau of Vedder Price's Government Investigations & White Collar Defense group and members of the firm's Dallas office have been named to the 2025 Best Lawyers Under 40 list by *D Magazine*.