

## BFA Announces New Partner and New Of Counsel

BFA is pleased to announce that, as of January 1, 2025, Matthew Miller has become a partner of the firm, Thayne Stoddard has become of counsel.

Matthew Miller focuses his practice on representing investors in class action and derivative breach of fiduciary duty litigation. Matt has practiced before Delaware state and federal courts for more than a decade, with his primary focus on litigation in the Delaware Court of Chancery. He has stand-up trial experience and has argued numerous dispositive and other motions. Matt also has extensive experience taking and defending depositions. Matt represented large appraisal petitioners in the consolidated fiduciary duty and appraisal action styled *In re Dole Food Co., Inc. Stockholder Litigation/In re Appraisal of Dole Food Company, Inc.* There, the Delaware Court of Chancery found fraud and breaches of the duty of loyalty that led to post-trial damages of nearly \$150 million. In *Cygnus Opportunity Fund, LLC v. Washington Prime Group, LLC*, Matt presented written and oral arguments that led to a published opinion denying two motions to dismiss. That lawsuit is pending. Matt represented a special litigation committee in *In re Baker Hughes, a GE Company, Derivative Litigation*, which led to new law in that area. Matt has also represented several litigation demand review committees. Among other matters, Matt is currently a member of the teams litigating derivative claims against Wells Fargo and Boeing and litigating class action claims against Focus Financial and BioVentrix.

Thayne Stoddard represents investors in complex securities class actions and shareholder derivative suits across the country. Thayne has substantial experience in all aspects of litigation, including investigating and drafting claims, briefing dispositive and other motions, managing discovery efforts, taking depositions, working closely with experts, and preparing for and attending trial. At BFA, Thayne was a member of the teams that prosecuted the Firm's derivative stockholder action against Tesla's Board of Directors in Delaware Chancery Court, resulting in a settlement valued at as much as \$919 million, as well as cases against Teva Pharmaceutical Industries, Ltd., resulting in a \$420 million settlement, and Granite Construction Inc., resulting in a \$129 million settlement. Thayne is currently a member of the teams litigating securities-related claims against TaskUs, Inc., and Citigroup, Inc., and derivative claims on behalf of Boeing.