



## Perella Weinberg Partners Announces New Partners

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NEW YORK--([BUSINESS WIRE](#))--Perella Weinberg Partners ("PWP") today announced that it has elected six individuals to join the firm's Partnership, effective January 1, 2019:

John Rusty D'Anna – Houston, Securities  
Jason D. Forschler – San Francisco, Advisory  
Jeffrey P. Knupp – Denver, Advisory  
Alexander T. Tracy – New York, Advisory  
James R. Wappler – New York, Advisory  
Benjamin G. Wilcox – New York, Advisory

"We are excited to welcome these six deserving individuals to the firm's Partnership," said Robert K. Steel, Chief Executive Officer and Partner of Perella Weinberg Partners. "Their election reflects their significant accomplishments and the contributions they have made serving our clients, promoting the firm's culture and helping to drive the firm's success. We congratulate them on this important achievement and look forward to their continued contributions."

### Biographies

#### Rusty D'Anna

Mr. D'Anna is Head of Sales & Trading with responsibility for managing the daily operations and setting strategic direction for the equities business.

He has 11 years of experience. He previously served as a vice president at Credit Suisse. Before that, he was an associate at Citigroup.

Mr. D'Anna holds a BSBA from Appalachian State University and a Master of Business Administration from Louisiana State University.

#### Jason Forschler

Mr. Forschler focuses on advising a broad range of clients in the healthcare sector on M&A and capital raising transactions.

Mr. Forschler has more than 14 years of investment banking experience. Prior to joining Perella Weinberg Partners, Mr. Forschler was a member of the Healthcare Investment Banking teams at J.P. Morgan and Piper Jaffray. He started his career with Deloitte.

Mr. Forschler received a Bachelor of Arts in Business Economics with a minor in Accounting from the University of California, Los Angeles and is a Certified Public Accountant (inactive status).

#### Jeffrey Knupp

Mr. Knupp focuses on advising upstream clients in the energy sector.

Mr. Knupp has more than 10 years of investment banking experience. He previously served as a petroleum engineer consultant for Netherland, Sewell & Associates. Prior to that, Mr. Knupp was an exploitation engineer at Merit Energy Company. He began his career at ExxonMobil Development Company as a reservoir engineer.

Mr. Knupp holds a BS in Chemical Engineering from Pennsylvania State University and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Texas at Austin, McCombs School of Business.

#### Alexander Tracy

Mr. Tracy focuses on advising clients in connection with corporate restructurings, financings and mergers and acquisitions.

Mr. Tracy has more than 18 years of investment banking experience assisting companies on a wide range of strategic matters. Prior to joining Perella Weinberg Partners in July of 2016, Mr. Tracy was at Miller Buckfire & Co. from 2006 to 2016, where he most recently served as a Managing Director in the restructuring group. He was previously a Vice President of Chanin Capital Partners, where he advised clients on corporate restructurings and mergers and acquisitions. Prior to that, Mr. Tracy was an Associate in the mergers and acquisitions group at Prudential Securities.

Mr. Tracy earned Bachelor of Arts degrees in Economics and English from Amherst College.

#### James Wappler

Mr. Wappler focuses on advising clients in the Consumer / Retail sector.

Mr. Wappler has more than 12 years of experience advising companies on a wide range of strategic and financial matters. Prior to joining Perella Weinberg Partners in August of 2009, Mr. Wappler was at Deloitte Consulting and Mercer Consulting, where he served as a Consultant responsible for advisory engagements across a diversified set of industries.

Mr. Wappler earned a Bachelor's in Business Administration from The University of Texas and a Master's in Business Administration from the University of Chicago.

#### Ben Wilcox

Mr. Wilcox focuses on advising clients across sectors on a variety of strategic matters and transaction types.

Mr. Wilcox has more than 14 years of investment banking experience. Prior to joining Perella Weinberg Partners in March of 2009, Mr. Wilcox was at Lehman Brothers from 2006 to 2009, most recently serving as a Vice President in the Global Communications and Media Group. He was previously an Associate of Banc of America Securities, where he focused on financing and advisory work in the media sector. Before becoming a banker, Mr. Wilcox

worked as a financial analyst in private equity in Moscow and New York.

Mr. Wilcox earned a Bachelor of Arts from Harvard and a Master of Business Administration from Columbia Business School.

### **About Perella Weinberg Partners**

Perella Weinberg Partners is a leading global independent advisory firm, providing strategic and financial advice and asset management services to a broad client base, including corporations, institutions and governments. The Advisory business advises clients across a range of the most active industry sectors and international markets. Together with its affiliates, the Asset Management business has capital commitments and managed assets of approximately \$13.8 billion. The Firm's energy practice operates as Tudor, Pickering, Holt & Co ( <http://www.tphco.com>). This practice provides high quality advice and services to the energy industry as well as sales and trading, underwriting and research coverage. With approximately 650 employees, Perella Weinberg Partners maintains offices in New York, Houston, London, Austin, Calgary, Chicago, Denver, Dubai, Los Angeles, Paris, and San Francisco. For more information on Perella Weinberg Partners, please visit: <http://www.pwpartners.com>.

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