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**MCDERMOTT + BULL NAMES FOUR NEW PARTNERS**

**IRVINE, CA (January 26, 2022)** – McDermott + Bull, the go-to executive search partner to empower change, has announced the promotion of Ken Dropiewski, Jason Levi Pinegar, Jared Moriarty and Sue Waterbury to Partner, where they will continue to propel the firm forward and further establish it as an industry leader.

McDermott + Bull has experienced tremendous growth over the past year, with executive search volume up 83% from 2020. This presented an incredible opportunity for the company, allowing five individuals to make Partner in 2021, whereas previously, the firm had seen two new Partners over the past seven years. The substantial increase in executive search volume is projected to be the new norm for the firm, and it has enabled the Partners to scale and grow their practices to become full-fledged, established entities servicing their areas of expertise. The firm has also experienced significant growth in its newer regions — notably the New York and Seattle markets, with the Seattle market growing 400% in 2021. These significant achievements speak to the considerable growth and expansion of the firm’s services and capabilities, in addition to the remarkable entrepreneurship and talent seen in the McDermott + Bull team.

“We are thrilled to name four new Partners at McDermott + Bull,” said Rod McDermott, CEO and Co-Founder, McDermott + Bull. “Over the years, I have witnessed Ken, Jason, Jared and Sue demonstrate a fervent commitment to their clients and a thoughtful dedication to their practices, which has deservedly resulted in their making Partner. For nearly any CEO, this is the goal — develop your people to grow both professionally and personally so they reach their highest level of potential and achieve what they have set out to accomplish. We could not be prouder of what they have each achieved and we cannot wait to see how they continue to grow and develop.”

**Ken Dropiewski**

Over the past three years at McDermott + Bull, Ken has cultivated a bifurcated role, where he helps lead a large, successful national Life Sciences and Healthcare Practice and spearheads the executive search strategy in the Rocky Mountain region. While he has built and scaled his practice, Ken has established himself as one of the most recognized search professionals in the cardiac and vascular space, working closely with executives and investors in the market.

Ken has spent over 20 years in executive search, where he has partnered with companies to build their best, most effective leadership teams, focusing on the roles of Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Marketing Officer, as well as other critical leadership positions at the Vice President level.

### **Jason Levi Pinegar**

For nearly six years at McDermott + Bull, Jason has built a successful practice in the consumer and industrial manufacturing and distribution space, both nationally and internationally. Throughout his time at the firm, he has built on his ever-expanding client portfolio to partner with a variety of companies within his area of expertise. With this, he has established several long-term, multi-search partnerships with private equity groups and portfolio businesses throughout his tenure. In addition to building leadership teams for more established, mature organizations, Jason has gained significant experience assisting in the professionalization of several founder-led or family-owned, middle market businesses to attract investors and strategic buyers.

With Jason's executive search expertise across the consumer and industrial manufacturing and distribution space, fine-tuned approach in ensuring the right culture fit and broad academic foundation, he has established himself as a go-to partner for both new and existing clients.

### **Jared Moriarty**

Jared helps lead the firm's Aerospace + Defense Practice, which has been the largest of the firm's practices for the past three years. He became a leader of the practice in 2017 and has since helped grow its revenue by four times. Over the years, he has worked with a dynamic client base of large corporations, private equity partners and privately held and family-owned businesses where he has built strong, long-standing relationships.

Throughout Jared's tenure at McDermott + Bull, he has maintained incredible momentum in his professional growth. He started with the firm as a Director, then Managing Director and now Partner within a six-year span. He is one of the many to embrace the firm's entrepreneurial spirit and opportunities.

### **Sue Waterbury**

Sue leads the firm's Nonprofit Practice, where she partners with socially conscious organizations to address their critical needs for executive leadership. In the two years since Sue joined the firm, she has grown the Nonprofit Practice exponentially, led the opening of the firm's New York office, and has become Partner. Her deep client relationships paired with her commitment to the social sector and DE+I have solidified her as a critical resource in the industry.

Prior to McDermott + Bull, Sue spent over 15 years in executive search where she specifically focused on retaining Chief Executive Officers and other executive talent in the nonprofit sector.

"Naming a total of five new partners in 2021 is a massive win for the firm and for our clients," said Brandon Biegenzahn, President, McDermott + Bull. "These promotions are indicative of the growth McDermott + Bull

is experiencing and are a testament to the firm's commitment to developing its people. What our four most recently promoted Partners all share is a total devotion to excellence in execution."

### **About McDermott + Bull**

McDermott + Bull Executive Search is leading the way in transforming executive search services worldwide, one relationship at a time. With experienced principals in the United States, Canada and Europe, McDermott + Bull has become the trusted search advisor for empowering change on behalf of private and public companies, private equity firms and their operating companies. Known for being thorough and balancing the need for urgency, McDermott + Bull provides personalized solutions to those who value contribution over pedigree. Leveraging deep vertical experience, innovative thinking and proven time-saving methodologies, the company challenges the norm and thrives in the recruitment of difficult-to-find, culture critical VP to C-Suite executive talent.

McDermott + Bull Interim Leaders is a unique, personalized, and urgent service that places performance focused senior-level executives into consultative roles to manage business challenges and opportunities during a time of transformation. The interim leader talent pool consists of senior-level professionals across a diverse functional spectrum who meet the rigorous qualifications to work on time-sensitive engagements. We specialize in placing operations, finance and accounting, technology, human resources and executive-level functions.

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