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Tyson & Mendes Continues California Expansion With Orange County Office

Tyson & Mendes brought on a lawyer from Koeller, Nebeker, Carlson & Haluck to lead the new office.

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Richard Somes, Tyson & Mendes

Tyson & Mendes, which recently just bought [a building in Novato](#) to accommodate its Northern California growth, is also expanding to the South with a new location in Orange County.

The Orange County office will be led by Richard Somes, who joined the firm from Koeller, Nebeker, Carlson, & Haluck, where he practiced law for over 12 years, most recently as an equity partner.

Somes, who has worked with Tyson & Mendes' attorneys on a number of cases, said he has always been "an admirer" of the San Diego-based litigation defense firm.

"They have created an innovative approach to handling litigation, specifically addressing damages," Somes said. "The firm is growing tremendously and it is an exciting opportunity for me, one that I want to build on."

Tyson & Mendes will officially launch the office Aug. 19 with a total of three attorneys, including Somes. Somes said he expects to grow the office to about 10 lawyers by the end of the year.

"It is going to be a continuation of the same types of law that Tyson & Mendes practices," said Somes of the Orange County office. "We are going to be working on general liability, premises liability and other forms of insurance defense."

Somes's practice focuses on general liability, premises liability, personal injury, surety law, construction, medical malpractice, toxic and mass torts, and employment law.

"Rick has been extremely successful throughout his career, saving clients millions of dollars and achieving exceptional results," Tyson & Mendes managing partner Robert Tyson said in a statement. "With him leading the new Orange County office—alongside our expanding branches in San Diego and Los Angeles—we will be able to provide our unique methods for success to the entire Southern California region."

With the addition of Orange County, Tyson & Mendes now has 11 offices in states including California, Arizona, Nevada, Colorado, Washington and Florida. The firm has grown to more than 140 attorneys since it was founded in 2011.

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