

On the Move: Tracking the Ins and Outs of California Lawyers

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New hires, promotions and awards from across the California legal market.

Blank Rome announced that David E. Parsly has joined the firm's corporate, M&A, and securities practice group as a partner in the Los Angeles office. Parsly advises clients on a range of corporate transactions, including mergers and acquisitions, emerging growth and venture capital financings, joint ventures, corporate restructurings and corporate governance. His clients include closely held businesses, private equity funds, family offices, venture capital-backed start-ups, and public and middle-market companies and their investors. He joins the firm from DLA Piper.

Nationwide civil litigation defense firm Tyson & Mendes announced the addition of Susan Mason as a new partner in the firm's San Diego headquarters. Mason is a trial lawyer who brings nearly 30 years of experience and knowledge working with, and on behalf of, insurance carriers and their insureds, evaluating and trying cases and working toward favorable outcomes for her clients short of trial. Her practice focuses on personal injury, product liability, employment and the defense of nonprofit organizations. Mason served as a partner at Devaney Pate Morris & Cameron in San Diego before joining Tyson & Mendes. Before that, she served as a partner with Brack & Mason for nearly 25 years.

West Coast Trial Lawyers, a personal injury law firm in California, announced the promotion of Dean Aynechi to partner. Aynechi is a personal injury attorney who has worked with the firm for seven years. He has litigated cases in state and federal courts throughout California. Prior to joining West Coast Trial Lawyers, Aynechi worked for the international law firm Wilson Harvey Browndorf as a litigation assistant, and at the commercial real estate development company AyZar Inc. as general counsel.

Foley & Mansfield partner Ann I. Park has been installed as president of the Los Angeles County Bar Association (LACBA). Park was previously president-elect and has been actively involved with the organization for over 30 years. Park is the first Asian-American president in LACBA's 144-year history. Park is a litigator who defends complex, high-risk toxic tort, asbestos products liability and premises liability actions. She understands and conveys in clear terms to judges and juries complex medical and scientific data. She is also past president of Korean American Bar Association of Southern California.

Northern California law firm Farella Braun + Martel announced that Hons Yung has joined as a partner and Kristine Waggener has been elevated to partner from special counsel in the firm's Private Client Group. Yung counsels high-net-worth individuals, families and closely held businesses with respect to tax, estate and succession planning—crafting bespoke strategies that minimize income, estate, gift, and property taxes. Waggener works with high-net-worth individuals and multi-generational families to minimize income, estate, gift and California property taxes while focusing on each client's priorities.

King & Spalding announced that Dale Giali, Keri Borders and Michael Resch have joined as partners on its FDA and life sciences team. Giali and Borders will be based in the firm's Los Angeles office, and Resch will be resident in the San Francisco office. Giali, Borders and Resch focus on representing food and beverage companies in consumer deception litigation matters, including defending false advertising claims associated with nutrition labeling, ingredients and marketing claims. Giali and Borders join from Mayer Brown, where they co-led the food and beverage practice, and they are reuniting with Resch, a former Mayer Brown partner who most recently served as general counsel at Amy's Kitchen, a frozen food and soup company.