



TYSON & MENDES OPENS **ORANGE COUNTY** OFFICE AMID FIRM'S EXPANSION

EXPERIENCED LITIGATOR **RICHARD SOMES** TO SERVE AS MANAGING PARTNER OF NEW LOCATION

SAN DIEGO (August 5, 2019) – Tyson & Mendes LLP has expanded to Orange County with a new office that will be led by new Managing Partner Richard Somes. The location will allow the leading insurance defense firm to increase its complex litigation work in the region for a wide array of clients.

Somes, who will serve as the Managing Partner of the Tyson & Mendes Orange County office, has extensive litigation experience representing individuals and businesses in state and federal courts throughout California. His practice focuses on general liability, premises liability, personal injury, surety law, construction, medical malpractice, toxic and mass torts, and employment law.

Somes joins Tyson & Mendes after 12 years working at Koeller, Nebeker, Carlson, Haluck LLP in Irvine.

“Rick has been extremely successful throughout his career, saving clients millions of dollars and achieving exceptional results,” said Tyson & Mendes Managing Partner Robert Tyson. “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.”



Somes is a member of the National Retail and Restaurant Defense Association, the Orange County Bar Association, Association of Southern California Defense Counsel, and the Mater Dei Alumni Association. Prior to his legal career, he worked for the Marriott Corporation in their loss prevention department.

Orange County is the latest major region in California to be serviced by Tyson & Mendes, which also has offices in Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Nevada and Washington. The growing firm employs more than 140 attorneys and plans to add at least 90 lawyers this year.

About Tyson & Mendes LLP

Headquartered in San Diego with offices throughout the country, Tyson & Mendes LLP is an AV-rated litigation firm specializing in insurance defense. Firm principals Robert Tyson and Patrick Mendes, seasoned trial attorneys who collectively have a nearly 50-year background, have grown the firm to more than 130 attorneys defending corporations, insurance companies, and their clients in civil litigation matters throughout California, Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, Washington and Florida. The firm is most widely recognized for winning the landmark *Howell v. Hamilton Meats* California Supreme Court case on the “billed vs. paid” medical damages issue, which forever changed the state’s litigation landscape by significantly impacting the damages a plaintiff may recover. Visit www.tysonmendes.com.

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