

## Tyson & Mendes Adds 21 Attys From Rebar Kelly In Northeast

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Law360 (June 1, 2026, 3:59 PM EDT) -- Insurance defense firm Tyson & Mendes LLP completed a large expansion of its footprint in the Northeast region of the country with the addition of nearly two dozen attorneys who moved their practices from Rebar Kelly LLC.

Tyson & Mendes welcomed 21 attorneys from Rebar Kelly this week to the firm's offices in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey and Connecticut, the firm announced Monday. The team moving from Rebar Kelly is led by the firm's former managing partner Cathleen Kelly Rebar, who joined Tyson & Mendes as a complex trial partner.

Rebar said in a prepared statement that her team saw an opportunity to better serve clients and stop what Tyson & Mendes calls "nuclear verdicts," a copyrighted term for what the firm considers significantly higher than expected jury awards.



Cathleen Kelly Rebar

"We are delighted to welcome this slate of proven trial lawyers and litigators to our team in the Northeast," said Randy Faust, regional managing partner for Tyson & Mendes. "These talented and experienced lawyers will help us continue to deliver excellence for our clients in and out of the courtroom."

Joining Rebar in the move to Tyson & Mendes is Christopher Kelly, who has been tapped as co-managing partner of the Philadelphia office with Maureen Daley, who opened the office in 2024.

Kelly said in a prepared statement that his team looks forward to "growth and excellence" with the move to Tyson & Mendes.

"Rebar Kelly's success positioned it to pursue the next stage of growth through integration with a nationally recognized litigation firm," Kelly said.

The remaining Rebar Kelly team moving to Tyson & Mendes include partners Frank Baer, Jayne Brayer, Patrick Healey, Kimberly Parson and Julia Shmilovich, senior counsel Holly Ballas and associates Nisha Busre, Robert Fitzgerald, Andrea Garcia, Leah Gaydos, Alyssa Gradisek, Jakyra McLeod, Gabriel Martinez, Samir Mdawar, Kee Hong Min, Sebastian Napoli, Anthony Petro, Shaila Shatabdy and Lindsey Zucker.

The office location of each attorney joining Tyson & Mendes was not shared in the firm's announcement Monday.

"This expansion reflects our mission to stop Nuclear Verdicts nationwide, including in jurisdictions like Pennsylvania, which presents a complex and evolving landscape," said Robert F. Tyson Jr., founding partner of Tyson & Mendes, in a prepared statement.

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