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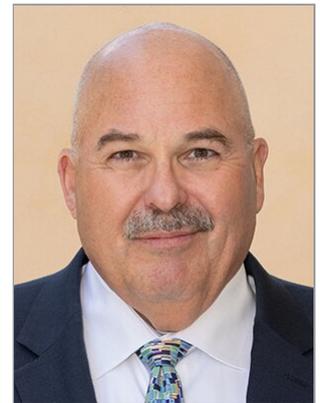
Transportation Trials Atty Joins Tyson & Mendes In Calif.

By **Emma Cueto**

Law360 (June 10, 2021, 4:00 PM EDT) -- National civil defense firm Tyson & Mendes LLP has added a partner specializing in transportation-related cases to its Orange County, California, office.

Edward Leonard joins the firm from the small Southern California firm Poliquin & DeGrave LLP, with Tyson & Mendes in an announcement Tuesday touting his four decades of trial experience and his expertise in cases involving the trucking industry.

"We welcome a trial attorney of Ed's caliber and expertise to our growing Orange County office, where we have added three new lateral partners so far this year," Tyson & Mendes strategic managing partner Robert Tyson said in a statement.



Edward Leonard

He continued, "With an avalanche of jury trials coming to Southern California and beyond as trial courts begin to restart operations, veteran trial lawyers of Ed's caliber are in high demand. Ed's phenomenal track record successfully defending transportation cases is an invaluable asset to our trucking and logistics clients and further strengthens our bench strength defending trucking and other transportation companies against wrongful death claims, catastrophic loss and injury claims."

Leonard's practice focuses on general liability matters with a specialty in transportation-related cases, in particular involving the trucking industry, according to his online biography. He spent most of his career at California litigation firm Harrington Foxx Dubrow & Canter LLP, where he eventually became managing partner, according to Tyson & Mendes.

He is a graduate of University of San Diego School of Law.

Tyson & Mendes, which specializes in insurance defense, has added several California partners since the start of 2021, including most recently two April additions from Clyde & Co. The firm has also been increasing its national head count, reportedly due in part to an increase in work as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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