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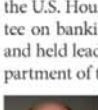
Jeff Margulies

> **Norton Rose Fulbright** has appointed **Jeff Margulies**, an accomplished class action litigator and consumer product compliance counselor, as its new partner-in-charge of the global law firm's Los Angeles office. Margulies defends manufacturers and retailers in consumer class action litigation matters related to false advertising and product compliance issues. His practice also involves state, federal and international product safety, chemical management and related regulatory matters.



Corin Korenaga

> **Cox, Castle & Nicholson** has elected three new partners in its Los Angeles office. **Corin Korenaga** is a transactional real estate attorney experienced in handling all aspects of complex real estate acquisition, disposition and development transactions. **Stephen Li** is a transactional attorney who represents both borrowers and lenders in closing complex, secured-financing transactions for a broad range of real estate assets. **Erik North** specializes in representing borrowers and lenders in a broad range of secured financing. Prior to joining the firm, North served as an investigator for the U.S. House of Representatives committee on banking, finance and urban affairs; and held leadership roles with the U.S. Department of the Treasury.



Jeffrey K. Eisen

> **Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp** announced it has named **Jeffrey K. Eisen** as co-chair of the firm's renowned trusts and estates practice group. He joins practice co-chair and firm governing board member **Allan Cutrow** in the role, ensuring that both remain fully available to the firm's growing trusts and estates practice while serving key firm leadership roles. Eisen represents high



Allan Cutrow

net worth individuals and their families in the full range of estate planning and administration matters.



Christopher J. Rillo

> **Jenner & Block** announces that **Christopher J. Rillo** joined the firm as a partner in its Los Angeles and Washington, D.C., offices. Rillo will be a member of the ERISA litigation practice.

With more than 30 years of experience handling benefits litigation, he provides deep practice knowledge and a West Coast presence to the firm's growing ERISA group. Representing fiduciaries and plan sponsors, his practice includes class actions, employee stock ownership plan claims and major benefit tax litigation. Rillo also has experience with litigation involving financial services and securities matters.



Preston Ascherin

> **Akerman LLP** has elevated **Preston Ascherin** to partner in the consumer financial services practice group. Ascherin dedicates his practice to the financial services sector, defending mortgage loan originators, servicers and investors in class and individual lawsuits, bankruptcy adversary cases, contested foreclosures and regulatory compliance matters. Prior to his legal career, he worked as a financial analyst for a mortgage broker obtaining financing for large residential and commercial developments.



Denisha McKenzie

> **Carothers DiSante & Freudenberg LLP** is pleased to announce attorney **Denisha McKenzie** is the president-elect of the Thurgood Marshall Bar Association. Committed to diversity and the advancement of justice through positive community involvement, the Orange County Bar Association affiliate's mission is to connect, support and increase the African-American legal community in Orange County. McKenzie is based in the firm's Irvine office where she works with employers on a variety of issues involving discrimination, retaliation and wrongful termination cases, representing clients before state and federal agencies.

> **Polsinelli** announced the addition of two shareholders to its Los Angeles office, bolstering its national health care practice. **Jonathan E. Cohn** and **Paul A. Gomez** bring decades of experience and deep understanding of the opportunities and challenges facing the health care industry. The addition of Cohn and Gomez complement 39 other attorneys who have joined Polsinelli's California offices over the past two years.



S. Alan Rosen

> **Duane Morris LLP** announces that six partners from noted corporate and banking boutique Horgan Rosen Beckham & Coren LLP have joined Duane Morris' Los Angeles office. **S. Alan Rosen** represents banks and their subsidiaries in connection with corporate securities and administrative matters. **Arthur A. Coren** advises clients on business and banking matters. **Robert P. Beckham** practices commercial and business litigation with an emphasis on financial institutions and employment law. **Khoi D. Dang** represents clients in business transactions, including corporate and venture capital financing. **Jerome Walker's** practice concentrates on bank regulation, supervision, compliance, operations, examination and enforcement. **Mel Aranoff** focuses his practice on bankruptcy, complex commercial litigation, real property receiverships, loan workouts, equipment leasing, and litigation involving financial institutions and banking operations.



Arthur A. Coren

> **The Scali Law Firm** announced that consumer protection litigator **Jade Jurdi** has joined the firm's Los Angeles office. Jurdi, who also specializes in advertising and environmental law, joins the firm from Norton Rose Fulbright, where he defended companies against consumer class claims and alleged violations of California's key environmental protection regulations, known as Proposition 65.



Mel Aranoff

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Hillel Elkins

> **Sklar Kirsh LLP** announced that **Hillel Elkins**, formerly executive vice president for business and legal affairs at Relativity Media, has joined the firm as a partner in its entertainment and media group. Elkins is the third former general counsel to join the firm in recent years from entertainment companies.



Jeffrey S. Horton Thomas

> **Jeffrey S. Horton Thomas** of **Thomas Employment Law Advocates APC** has joined other top business leaders as a member of the board of directors of the West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce. Thomas was appointed by board Chair Keith Kaplan. Thomas represents hospitality and other businesses throughout Southern California, the firm has represented many of West Hollywood's most prominent businesses. West Hollywood is recognized as a trendsetting city in business, particularly in the restaurant, bar and nightclub scene.

> **Lamb and Kawakami** announced the addition of trust and probate litigator **Jaya Kumar** as partner. Her practice focuses on family law, trusts and estate administration and elder care, especially as it relates to protecting elders or dependent adults that have been taken advantage of or unduly or wrongfully influenced. Areas of expertise include family law, conservatorships, elder and dependent adult abuse, trust and probate litigation, and guardianship.

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facility developers and operators. > **The Scali Law Firm** has opened an Ontario office — its fourth in California — to give clients in the Inland Empire better access to the firm's automotive law experts. The office, located at 3200 Guasti Road, Suite 100, will be led by partner **Robert Mizar**, who defends automobile dealerships and litigates personal injury, property damage and wrongful death actions and claims based upon the Consumer Legal Remedies Act, Automobile Sales Finance Act, Vehicle Leasing Act and the Song-Beverly and Magnuson-Moss Warranty Acts.



Rami S. Yanni

> **Rosenfeld, Meyer & Susman LLP** announced the addition of **Rami S. Yanni** as partner. Yanni will round out the firm's entertainment and media group with his expertise in all aspects of intellectual property, brand and content licensing, protection and enforcement, consumer products, and IP-focused mergers and acquisitions.

> **Wolf, Rifkin, Shapiro, Schulman & Rabkin** has elevated music industry professional and transactional attorney **Jay-Jay Lord** in Los Angeles within the entertainment and intellectual property practice. Lord spent nine years in the artist development, sales and marketing departments for such prominent music companies as A&M Records, MCA Records and Faneq, as well as the licensing department for the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers prior to entering the practice of law. He now represents various individuals and corporate clients in a variety of entertainment and licensing related matters.



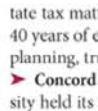
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istration department in the Los Angeles office. Wyle's practice focuses on complex litigation and dispute resolution concerning trusts and estates, conservatorships and guardianships as well as appellate law. Cohen's practice focuses on complex trust and estate administration and estate planning, as well as dispute resolution with regard to trusts, estates and estate tax matters. Wolf possesses more than 40 years of experience in the areas of estate planning, trust and estate administration.



Kenneth S. Wolf

> **Concord Law School** at Kaplan University held its 26th graduation at the Skirball Cultural Center in Los Angeles, celebrating 100 new graduates. The graduating class includes 60 graduates of the Juris Doctor program, 38 graduates of the Executive Juris Doctor program and two graduates of Concord's Small Business Practice LL.M. program.

> **Duane Morris LLP** announces that two associates from Horgan Rosen Beckham & Coren LLP have joined Duane Morris' Los Angeles office. They join the firm's global banking industry group. **Steven J. Sweeney's** practice concentrates on mergers and acquisitions, bank regulatory matters, loan and credit transactions, corporate finance, corporate governance and general company representation. **Justin A. Santarosa** represents corporate clients in mergers and acquisitions, corporate finance and general corporate matters.



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