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



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Law Firm Hiring



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The Norton Law Firm recently announced that **Wendy J. Ray** will be joining the firm as a partner effective March 1. She was previously a partner in the Los Angeles office of **Morrison & Foerster**. Ray is a trial lawyer focusing on high-stakes intellectual property and complex commercial litigation. She counsels clients in a range of high-technology patent and trade secret matters including autonomous systems, semiconductor chips, microelectromechanical systems, digital televisions, laser and robotic medical devices, video compression, video games and software systems. She also has experience representing both complainants and respondents before the International Trade Commission, and has also litigated high-stakes trademark and copyright disputes.

The Joseph Saveri Law Firm has announced that **Christopher Young** has been elevated to partner. Young is a second-generation American, the first person in his immediate family to earn an advanced degree, and the only lawyer among his extended family. Since joining the firm in 2019, Young has been actively involved on the team litigating high-profile cases such as AI Image Generator Copyright Litigation, and is part of the Court-appointed leadership in cases such as Short Squeeze Antitrust Litigation and Jackson Hewitt “No-Poach” Litigation. He also shares the firm’s commitment to training the next generation of antitrust lawyers by mentoring its younger attorneys and law clerks.

Goldberg Segalla added **Sima Jonoobi** to the firm’s civil litigation and trial group in Los Angeles. Jonoobi was previously with the Law Offices of John A. Houser in Brea. Jonoobi is a trial attorney who focuses her practice on complex litigation involving construction defect, general liability, products liability, business, real estate and insurance coverage matters. She works with clients from the onset of litigation through trial or settlement, coordinating legal strategy, conducting expert witness evaluations, depositions, discovery, motion practice and oral argument. Jonoobi also has experience in mediation, arbitration and settlement conferences.

Benesch is building out its retail and e-commerce group with the addition of trial lawyer [Meegan Brooks](#) as a partner, effective Feb. 23. Brooks was most recently with **Steptoe & Johnson**. A trial lawyer who has dedicated her career to defending and advising retailers, hospitality companies and consumer product manufacturers, Brooks is focused on consumer class actions alleging unfair or deceptive business practices, often involving false advertising, privacy and automatic renewal issues. Much of her work deals with products in FDA-regulated industries, such as cosmetics, food/beverage and drugs/medical devices.

Latham & Watkins announced that 23 counsel have been elected to the partnership, effective March 1, four of which are from the firm's California offices: [Joshua Marnitz](#), [Nima Mohebbi](#) and [Aron Potash](#) from the Los Angeles office and [Betty Pang](#) from the San Francisco office. Marnitz advises clients on the environmental and energy regulatory aspects of corporate and finance transactions in the energy (conventional and renewable), infrastructure and industrial sectors. Mohebbi, a trial lawyer, represents clients across an array of industries, with a focus on entertainment and technology, including Web3, artificial intelligence, music and film, and metaverse applications.

Potash focuses on environmental law, with an emphasis on air quality and climate change matters, contaminated sites, energy transition, environmental insurance, ESG, and green financing. Pang's health care regulatory practice involves advising clients on matters relating to fraud and abuse, self-referral and government program reimbursement compliance, facility and provider licensing, corporate practice of medicine, and fee-splitting issues.

San Francisco-based boutique trial firm **Keker, Van Nest & Peters** announced the appointment of [Laurie Carr Mims](#) to managing partner. She succeeds [Steven K. Taylor](#), who has served as managing partner of the firm since 2013 and who will continue to focus his law practice on high-stakes commercial and financial services litigation. Since joining Keker, Van Nest & Peters in 2005, Mims has made contributions to the firm's success in litigating complex commercial matters, particularly in the life sciences sector, and spearheading the firm's contingency practice. Prior to her appointment as managing partner, she served on the firm's management committee, compensation committee and as chair of its attorney development and training committee.

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