



MANNING KASS ELEVATES FIVE ATTORNEYS TO PARTNERSHIP

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 21, 2025 – Manning Kass, a leading national law firm, is proud to announce the promotion of five of its attorneys to Partner: Kayleigh A. Andersen, Kirsten A. Brown, Roya H. Fohrer, and Michelle J. Martin from its Los Angeles office, and Mark R. Wilson from its San Francisco office.

Kayleigh A. Andersen is a member of Manning Kass' Governmental Entity Liability team. She has extensive experience dealing with high-profile cases, including allegations of wrongful death, excessive force, dangerous condition of public property, medical malpractice, and a variety of other matters on behalf of public entities and their employees. In the past year, she was instrumental in multiple successful motions, and her litigation skills secured minimal settlements on wrongful death claims with multimillion-dollar demands. Ms. Andersen also teaches SWAT officers for the California Association of Tactical Officers.

Kirsten A. Brown is a member of the Trusts and Estates and Complex Litigation teams. As a Certified Specialist in Estate Planning, Trust, and Probate Law with the State Bar of California, the majority of her practice is focused on Trusts and Estates litigation. She also handles Trust and Probate administration, estate plan drafting, and generational tax planning. In 2024, Ms. Brown successfully co-tried two large trust cases with her team leader, Los Angeles Partner Daniel B. Herbert, earning defense verdicts in favor of our client beneficiaries and returning assets to the Trusts in both. She also negotiated several multimillion-dollar trust case settlements at mediations.

Roya H. Fohrer is a member of the Construction Law, Insurance Coverage / Bad Faith, Premises Liability, and Professional Liability teams. Ms. Fohrer was promoted after a series of notable accomplishments, including successfully defending an insurance bad faith action at trial and beating the 998 offer, and developing a strategy to net a developer client over \$4,200,000 in settlements. She also successfully broke through coverage issues on a fire caused by a subcontractor, ensuring that our client paid nothing on a \$4,500,000 settlement, with all funds instead coming from the subcontractors.

Michelle J. Martin is a member of the Complex Litigation and Special Investigations Unit / Insurance Fraud Litigation teams. She is integral to the firm's affirmative litigation practice, focusing on qui tam litigation. Ms. Martin is also launching a new practice with a focus on international insurance fraud, which will benefit from her substantial experience in all aspects of domestic and cross-border litigation from intake through final disposition at trial, as well as post-judgment proceedings, including asset tracing.

Mark R. Wilson is a member of the Appellate Law (Strategy, Writs, & Appeals) team. He has substantial experience in appellate litigation, including serving as a panel attorney representing indigent criminal defendants before the California Court of Appeal, First District. He secured several defense verdicts in the past year and is on track to become a Certified Appellate Specialist, having recently passed the requisite exam.

"There is nothing more rewarding than seeing attorneys grow with us and achieve their personal and professional goals," Dennis B. Kass, Firm Managing Partner, said. "Each of our new partners has accomplished a lot in their career and is deserving of this recognition of their hard work and legal acumen."

About Manning Kass:

Manning Kass, established in 1994, has evolved from a team of 16 attorneys to a premier full-service national law firm, now boasting over 150 attorneys across 39 specialized practice areas. Manning Kass has established a reputation for its decades of groundbreaking legal accomplishments, indexed as a top firm amongst such esteemed publications as the *Los Angeles Business Journal*, *National Law Journal*, *Law360*, and *Los Angeles Times*. Additionally, the firm's deep commitment to fostering a culture of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) has earned it widespread recognition and accolades. For three consecutive years, *Law360*'s Diversity Snapshot has placed Manning Kass in the top ten for diversity, and in 2023, the firm was honored with the Aspire Diversity Award by Lawyers of Color, acknowledging the firm's outstanding diversity numbers and policies. This commitment to excellence, combined with its dedication to diversity and inclusion, uniquely positions the firm to meet the challenges of the modern legal environment, while continuing to set influential precedents and contribute to shaping the nation's legal landscape. For more information about Manning Kass and its services, please visit www.manningkass.com.

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