



## MANNING KASS ANNOUNCES NEW FIRM MANAGING PARTNER DENNIS B. KASS

**Los Angeles, Calif., March 12, 2024** – For the first time in its 30-year history, Manning Kass proudly announces a new Managing Partner: Dennis B. Kass. The transition begins a transformative new era for the firm, which has been at the forefront of legal excellence and innovation since its inception in 1994.

Dennis B. Kass, a Founding Partner and former Assistant Managing Partner, steps into the role following the remarkable tenure of Steven D. Manning, who has led the firm with unparalleled dedication for the last 30 years. Under his leadership, Manning Kass has achieved monumental success, cultivating a culture of teamwork, excellence, and familial unity among its attorneys and staff while ascending to the top of every major legal index and survey, including the National Law Journal, Law360, Los Angeles Times, and Lawyers of Color, amongst others.

Reflecting on his tenure, Steven Manning expressed pride in the firm’s achievements. “It has been the greatest privilege and honor of my life to serve as Managing Partner. I am very proud of what our firm has accomplished. Together, we’ve realized the vision of a wonderful group of people working together, supporting each other, doing great things in the law for our clients, and having a good time doing it. Now it’s time for the firm to benefit from new leadership, fresh ideas, and renewed energy.”

The transition follows the serendipitous timing of Manning’s 70th birthday and the firm’s 30th anniversary. Manning will remain an integral part of Manning Kass, assuming the role of Assistant Managing Partner, ensuring a seamless transition and the continued prosperity of the firm, while maintaining his collaborative partnership with Kass as the “dynamic duo.” He has the utmost confidence in the abilities of his successor: “Dennis is incredibly bright and wholly committed to the success of this firm. I am confident he will lead Manning Kass to new heights.”

Dennis Kass, a seasoned litigator and a respected leader within the legal community, brings to the role a wealth of experience following a remarkable legal career spanning over 35 years. Garnering numerous awards for his trial skills, he has tried many high-profile and high-exposure cases across a wide spectrum of practice areas. His expertise and strategic vision have been instrumental in shaping the firm’s growth and maintaining its reputation as a leader in the legal industry.

In response to the announcement, Kass expressed his enthusiasm about leading Manning Kass into its next chapter, emphasizing the collective effort that defines the firm’s success: “I am so excited for this new venture and the future of the firm. We have 39 different practice areas and an amazing group of attorneys, making our future look incredibly bright. We are surrounded by not only top notch litigators, but by some of the kindest, smartest, and most hardworking people I have ever met.”

Reflecting on his journey from a young law clerk to Managing Partner, Kass paid tribute to Manning's mentorship and friendship over the years. "I feel like Gene Bartow following John Wooden at UCLA," Dennis remarked. "This firm would not be where it is without Steve's leadership. It is hard to put to words what I owe him. Steve hired me in 1987 when I was a law clerk and told me to tear up my resume; that I'll never need it again. Here we are, almost 37 years later. I only hope to be half the leader as Steve."

Manning Kass stands at the forefront of the legal industry, renowned for its commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion, and its significant contributions to the legal landscape. As it embarks on this exciting new chapter, the firm remains dedicated to its founding core principles of legal excellence, innovation, and a culture of support and teamwork. Building upon the firm's storied legacy with renewed energy and vision, Dennis Kass's leadership will undoubtedly propel Manning Kass to new levels of achievement and influence in the legal community.

### **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](http://www.manningkass.com).

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