



MANNING KASS ENHANCES REAL ESTATE AND PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY DEFENSE CAPABILITIES WITH ADDITION OF SPILE, LEFF & GOOR, LLP

LOS ANGELES, May 8, 2025 – Manning Kass, a leading national law firm, is proud to announce its strategic partnership with Spile, Leff & Goor, LLP (SL&G), an AV-rated California law firm with a longstanding reputation in real estate and professional liability defense. This integration significantly expands Manning Kass' capabilities in these areas, broadening its network and strengthening its capabilities with three seasoned experts.

"Our firms have established a rapport with key players in the industry, and I think that joining forces is going to be a powerful statement," said Steven D. Spile, founding partner of SL&G.

Spile, along with longtime partners Andrew L. Leff and Richard L. Goor, bring over 25 years of transactional and litigation experience to the Manning Kass team. Together, the trio is widely recognized within the legal community for their work defending brokers, agents, appraisers, home inspectors, and other real estate professionals. Their addition enhances the firm's litigation prowess and increases the range of services available to its clients across California.

Fredric W. Trester, leader of Manning Kass' Real Estate and Professional Liability teams, underscored the depth of expertise Spile, Leff, and Goor contribute: "We're bringing in top-level real estate litigators. That's their reputation. They round out what we already have, which makes us the premier go-to real estate team. We have more experience in real estate litigation between us than 95 percent of the law firms out there."

Beyond litigation, the partnership introduces new opportunities for clients of both firms. With Manning Kass' wide array of practice areas, SL&G's existing clients will now benefit from expanded services and multidisciplinary support.

"It's great to shop at a specialty store; it's even better to shop at a mall that has a bunch of specialty stores," Spile added. "This is going to give us dexterity and open a new world to us to be able to participate in the creation, marketing, and handling of a business in a broader spectrum of areas. That is perhaps one of the most exciting elements of this – to have a multifaceted law firm as our support system and a larger team offering additional resources."

Although newly formalized, the union of the two firms has been over thirty years in the making, reflecting decades of collaboration and mutual respect.

Goor expanded on this history, remarking: "Steve [Spile] and I have been friends with Fred Trester and [Firm Managing Partner] Dennis Kass for many years. We think very highly of them."

Spile echoed these sentiments, adding: "We have the highest regard and respect for Manning Kass. Fred and I have always been very friendly competitors. We've shared roles on a variety of fronts, and we've always joked, 'We should do something together.' I am looking forward to see what we can do together as partners."

The integration of Spile, Leff & Goor into Manning Kass reflects the firm's continued commitment to growth, innovation, and exceptional client service. With aligned values, complementary strengths, and a shared vision for the future, this partnership marks not just a strategic move, but a new chapter in excellence for both firms and the clients they serve.

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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