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## On the Move

### Two Lawyers From Manatt Phelps Decamp to K&L Gates

Jerrold F. Petruzzelli and Seth A. Gold, both formerly of Manatt, Phelps & Phillips LLP, took up with K&L Gates LLP as partners in Palo Alto and Los Angeles, respectively. Corporate attorney Petruzzelli specializes in technology licensing, distribution agreements and other transactions related to emerging growth companies and their investors. Gold litigates intellectual property, false advertising and complex commercial matters.

### Former Berkeley City Attorney Enters Private Practice in Oakland

Manuela Albuquerque joined the Oakland office of Burke, Williams & Sorensen LLP, where she will be a partner and the firm's director of complex public litigation. She served as city attorney for Berkeley for 22 years, arguing cases involving gay rights, minimum wage, public construction and other municipal issues until her retirement in 2007.

### Fulbright Jaworski Gains One Partner, Loses Another to Dewey

Fulbright & Jaworski LLP brought on former Howrey LLP litigator Elizabeth M. Weaver as a partner. Specializing in environmental and toxic tort cases, Weaver and an accompanying associate are based in the firm's Los Angeles office. In Fulbright's Dallas office, however, the firm lost James R. Griffin, who joined Dewey & LeBoeuf LLP as a partner in the firm's Silicon Valley office. A mergers and acquisitions specialist, Griffin represents public and private companies in mergers, divestitures, auctions, defensive strategies and other transactions.

### Liner Grode Adds Family Lawyers, Buys Building in Beverly Hills

The Los Angeles office of Liner Grode Stein Yankelevitz Sunshine Regenstreif & Taylor LLP brought on of counsel Robert S. Kaufman, partner Scott K. Robinson and an associate to start the firm's family law practice. The team of high-profile divorce lawyers came from Beverly Hills boutique Kaufman, Young, Spiegel, Robinson & Kenerson LLP. Liner Grode also bought a three-story office building in Beverly Hills, at 9800 Wilshire Blvd., which it expects to occupy later this year.

### Orrick Team Spins Off to Form Intellectual Property Boutique

Seven former Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP attorneys based in Menlo Park formed a boutique in Redwood Shores. Freitas, Tseng, Baik & Kaufman LLP, founded by partners Kaiwen Tseng, Steven S. Baik, Craig R. Kaufman, Robert E. Freitas and three associates, specializes in plaintiff-side patent litigation, though it also handles some defense matters.

### Former Katten Muchin Duo Forms Corporate Boutique

Former Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP partners Douglas J. Rovens and Steven A. Lamb departed the Los Angeles office to launch a commercial and business litigation boutique, Rovens Lamb LLP. The two have represented a variety of clients in commercial, business, environmental and intellectual property matters. Both attorneys joined Katten Muchin from Squire Sanders & Dempsey LLP in 2009.

### Davis Wright Nabs IP Specialist From Wildman Harrold

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#### Real Estate

##### Mortgage Program Sparks Suits

The frustration experienced by homeowners facing foreclosure and unable to get help in lowering their monthly mortgage payments is spilling into the courts, with a large number of recent lawsuits against lenders.

#### Litigation

##### High Court Could Reshape Patent Law

The U.S. Supreme Court takes up Microsoft Corp.'s bid to escape a \$290 million patent infringement verdict today in a case that could change litigation strategies and impact the innovation economy.

#### Judges and Judiciary

##### Judicial Watchdog Panel Members Re-Elected

The state judicial watchdog panel has re-elected Justice Judith D. McConnell and Judge Frederick P. Horn for new terms as the panel's chair and vice-chair.

##### A Merry-Go-Around With No Beginning and No End

AB 1208 is a modest bill that will restore balance in the management of our judicial system. By **Quentin L. Kopp**, former member of the California Senate.

#### Law Practice

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##### Legal Ethics & Professional Responsibility First Attorney Disbarred by New Task Force

A lawyer who admitted stealing \$170,000 from a client has agreed to be disbarred in the first completed prosecution by the State Bar's two-month-old special unit targeting large-scale theft from clients.

#### Intellectual Property

##### Mass Copyright Litigation: New Challenge for Federal Courts

Mass copyright cases have skyrocketed, but guidance from published decisions is sorely lacking. By **Cindy Cohn** of the Electronic Frontier Foundation.

##### Making a Federal Case Out of It: Web Site

James D. "Jimmy" Nguyen, previously at Wildman, Harrold, Allen & Dixon LLP in Beverly Hills, moved to Davis Wright Tremaine LLP as a partner in Los Angeles. Nguyen, an intellectual property specialist, handles counseling, transactions and litigation for clients in the new media and entertainment industries. Also active in diversity matters, in 2010 he co-chaired the California Minority Counsel Program.

### **Ventura County Trial Lawyer Gallops to Ferguson Case**

Ventura County based Ferguson Case Orr Paterson LLP nabbed Meghan B. Clark from Nordman Cormany Hair & Compton LLP. A trial and appellate lawyer, Clark handles criminal and civil appeals and civil litigation regarding business, employment, intellectual property and other matters. An avid horseback rider, she also has expertise in equine law.

### **Hopkins & Carley Adds Lawyers To Wealth and Tax Practice**

San Jose's Hopkins & Carley expanded its family wealth and tax planning department with the addition of shareholder Francis W. Dubreuil. He was a national managing director of Bernstein Global Wealth Management, an investment arm of AllianceBernstein Holding LP. Hopkins & Carley also tapped shareholder Charles H. Packer to co-chair the department along with current practice chairman James V. Quillinan.

### **Winston & Strawn Loses Litigator To Jones Day in San Francisco**

Former Winston & Strawn LLP litigator Patrick T. Michael jumped to the San Francisco office of Jones Day as partner. He represents technology clients in matters involving patent and trade secrets.

### **Boutique Litigator Moves To Schwartz Semerdjian**

John S. Moot, formerly of the boutique Wertz McDade Wallace & Moot PC, jumped to Schwartz Semerdjian Ballard & Cauley LLP in San Diego, which he joined as of counsel. Moot is a commercial and business litigator who concentrates on construction and real estate claims, antitrust matters, trade secrets and other business disputes. He was a Chula Vista City Councilman from 1994 to 2000.

### **Litigator Returns to Schiff Harden After Stint in Boston**

Commercial litigator David H. Bromfield joined Schiff Harden LLP as counsel in its San Francisco office. His practice includes product liability, environmental contamination and construction defect and delay claims. Until his temporary relocation to Boston in 2006, Bromfield was a partner at Morgenstein & Jubelirer LLP, which was absorbed by Schiff Harden in 2007. Since his return to the Bay Area later that year, he assisted the firm as an independent litigator and writing coach.

### **Bullivant Houser Partner Jumps to Jackson Lewis in San Francisco**

Jackson Lewis LLP lured San Francisco partner Timothy W. Moppin from Bullivant Houser Bailey PC. Moppin's practice includes advising, counseling and defending management in employment-related issues and litigation. Until moving to Bullivant in 2010, he was at Duane Morris LLP.

### **Virtual Law Partner Goes In-House At Venture Capital Firm**

Flywheel Ventures LLC, an Albuquerque, N.M. venture capital firm, hired Silicon Valley sole practitioner David M. Jargiello as general counsel and venture partner. An original founder of Venture Law Group PC in 1993 and Virtual Law Partners LLP in 2008, Jargiello will structure and execute Flywheel's global investment activities and advise portfolio companies in transactions and business matters.

### **Terms of Use**

A Web site's terms of use are a potentially valuable content protection tool. By **Steven B. Fabrizio** and **Farnaz M. Alemi** of Jenner & Block LLP.

### **Bankruptcy**

#### **Chapter 11 May Not Be the Silver Bullet Real Estate Developers Seek**

Bankruptcy may not be the saving grace that many investors and developers hope it is. By **Matt Grimshaw** of Rutan & Tucker LLP.

### **Judges and Judiciary**

#### **Bankruptcy Judge to Be Sworn In**

William J. Lafferty, a partner at Howard Rice Nemerovski Canady Falk & Rabkin, will be sworn in April 20 as a judge of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District.

### **Criminal**

#### **Court Asked to Rule on Surveillance**

The Justice Department asked the U.S. Supreme Court on Friday to review a finding that warrantless surveillance via GPS tracking devices is unconstitutional, a tactic approved by the 9th Circuit.

### **A Tutorial on Speedy Trials and Preliminary Hearings**

An overview of the rules governing speedy trials and preliminary hearings. By **Beverly Reid O'Connell** of the Los Angeles County Superior Court.

### **Government**

#### **Changes in Patent Bill Demanded**

As patent reform legislation moves from the U.S. Senate to the House of Representatives, it is picking up backing from large Silicon Valley companies that were previously lukewarm to the effort, even as formerly supportive biotechnology companies turned against the latest version on Friday.

### **Law Practice**

#### **Court Reverses Glaser Weil Fee Award**

In a setback for Los Angeles' Glaser Weil Fink Jacobs & Shapiro LLP, a 2nd Appellate District panel voted 2-1 Friday to vacate an \$840,000 arbitration award in the firm's favor.

### **Judges and Judiciary**

#### **Two Judicial Council Members Reappointed**

California's Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye on Friday reappointed Shasta County Superior Court Judge Stephen H. Baker and Contra Costa County Superior Court Judge Mary Ann O'Malley to the state Judicial Council for three-year terms beginning Sept. 15.

### **Family**

#### **Plaintiffs Defend Prop. 8 Video Airing**

Response to complaints by Proposition 8's

### Governor Appoints Two Lawyers To State Pay Commission

Gov. Jerry Brown appointed two attorneys to the California Citizens Compensation Commission, which establishes the salary and benefits of state officials. Thomas M. Dalzell was a staff attorney for IBEW Local 1245 from 1981 to 2006, when he became the organization's business manager. Wilma B. Wallace is vice president and deputy general counsel of Gap Inc. Both lawyers are Democrats.

### Michelman & Robinson Relocates Orange County Office

Michelman & Robinson LLP announced the move of its Orange County office from Santa Ana to Irvine, at 17901 Von Karman Ave. The firm said the 12,000-square-foot space provides better access to clients and room for expansion. The move takes place today.

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Response to Complaints by Reposition of proponents that former Chief U.S. District Judge Vaughn R. Walker of San Francisco broke a pledge to keep secret a video recording of the trial over same-sex.

### Corporate Counsel

#### Leah Weil

Senior Executive Vice President and General Counsel for Sony Pictures Entertainment Inc.  
*Culver City*

### Judicial Profile

#### Charles Q. Clay III

Superior Court Judge  
*Los Angeles County (Bellflower)*

### Criminal

#### Former Baseball Star's Life Takes Foul Turn With Fraud Arrest

Former major league baseball player Lenny "Nails" Dykstra - who appeared on television with stock tips as recently as 2009 - is facing a single felony count of bankruptcy fraud for allegedly stealing plumbing fixtures and other items from the house he once owned.

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