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Heidy Vaquerano

► **Wolf, Rifkin, Shapiro, Schulman & Rabin LLP** has welcomed entertainment and intellectual property attorney **Heidy Vaquerano** to its Los Angeles team. Vaquerano has more than 16 years of experience in both entertainment and intellectual property matters. She provides clients strategic advice to help protect and monetize their intellectual property, bridging the gap between the entertainment and tech industries to represent cutting-edge start-ups that use branded content at the core of their product.



Andrew Choung

► **Lathrop Gage LLP** has welcomed **Andrew Choung** to its Los Angeles office as partner in the firm's intellectual property litigation practice. Choung's primary focus is on high-tech, complex patent litigation and strategic counseling, including the development of licensing and monetization programs. He also handles Patent Trial and Appeal Board proceedings, such as Inter Partes Reviews. Choung represents a wide range of clients, with a particular focus on Korean universities, research institutes and companies. His clientele cover various high-tech fields including telecommunications technologies, display and display materials technologies, semiconductors and semiconductor manufacturing equipment, automotive and aeronautical technologies, software, internet technologies, business and financial methods, PC games, and virtual worlds and assets.

► **Buchalter** is pleased to announce

that it has added four attorneys to its Los Angeles office – litigation shareholder **Daniel M. Rygorsky**, bank and finance senior counsel **M. Reed Mercado**, litigation special counsel **Richard P. Steelman Jr.**, and health care attorney **Roma B. Patel**.



Ellen Robbins

► **Akerman LLP** has expanded its litigation practice group in Los Angeles with partner **Ellen Robbins**. Robbins is a trial lawyer who has litigated in both state and federal court on behalf of public and private companies all over the world. She focuses her practice on complex commercial disputes and patent litigation. Her work includes commercial matters such as breach of contract, fraud, product liability, class actions and misappropriation.



Erica Van Loon

► **Erica Van Loon** has joined the Los Angeles office of **Lathrop Gage LLP** as a partner in the firm's intellectual property litigation practice. Van Loon focuses her practice on copyright, trademark, trade secret and patent litigation.

► **Alvarez & Marsal** has added managing director **Deepak Jain** to its Los Angeles office, in the firm's disputes and investigations capabilities on the West Coast. Jain has more than 20 years of consulting and expert testimony experience.

► The office of Councilmember Mike Bonin, of the 11th District, presented a Certificate of Recognition dated September 10, 2018, to the **Law Offices of Arash Hashemi** for the firm's 15 years of community service.

► **Cox, Castle & Nicholson LLP** an



Amy Wells

award-winning full-service law firm focused on real estate in the United States, announces that partner **Amy Wells** was inducted into Real Estate Forum's Women of Influence Hall of Fame. Launched in 2013, the Hall of Fame recognizes women who have risen to the upper echelon of commercial real estate executives, serving as both a success story and a role model for others in the industry.

► **The Santa Monica Bar Association** elected the coming year's officers and board of trustees at its Annual Summer Party and Election. Officers for the 2018 – 2019 term are **Jennifer Millier**, president; **Tony Brown**, president-elect; **Megan Waugh**, secretary; and **Curtis Roberts**, treasurer. Past president is **Alejandro Herrera**. Trustees for the 2018 – 2020 term are **James Ahn**, **Joe Anderson**, **Matt Baker**, **Natalie Bausch**, **Timur Berberoglu**, **Derek Devermont**, **Stacie Feldman Hausner**, **Mario Meza**, **Mukunda Raghavan**, **Morvareed Salehpour**, **Stephanie Taft** and **Tiffany Walls-Fox**.



Polsinelli

► **Carmen Cole**, a principal of Am Law 100 firm **Polsinelli**, has been invited to be a founding member of the Pepperdine Law School board of advisors. Prior to becoming a labor and employment attorney, Cole served as the Title IX and EEO officer at Pepperdine. In her legal practice, Cole has successfully defended employers in litigation under state and federal anti-harassment and anti-discrimination statutes.