

COX CASTLE MOVES LOS ANGELES HQ TO NEW CENTURY CITY TOWER

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Joining the growing number of law firms changing addresses to secure more efficient and technologically advanced space, real estate boutique <u>Cox Castle &</u> <u>Nicholson LLP</u> announced Monday it has moved its Los Angeles-area headquarters to a new spot in Century City's Century Plaza Towers complex.

Leaving its longtime base in the South Tower of the Century Plaza Towers after 40 years, Cox Castle is traveling just a short distance to the complex's North Tower. The move allows the firm to significantly bolster its technology resources, while also taking on less space.

"We improved the quality and usability of our office systems and common space in a smaller footprint, thereby gaining operational efficiencies and cost effectiveness that enable us to keep our rates very competitive," Mario Camara, managing partner of Cox Castle's Los Angeles office, said in a statement. "Ultimately, this office move was an investment to continue and enhance Cox Castle & Nicholson's position as one of the top real estate law firms in the United States."

With the move, the firm will take up space on floors 21, 22 and 43 in the North Tower, a spokeswoman for the firm told Law360. No additional details were immediately available regarding its lease for the North Tower space.

The firm said the new space has high-speed connectivity and new audio-visual equipment that will help keep its three offices — in Los Angeles, Orange County and San Francisco — well-connected. The new space also leans heavily on glass wall

construction to make the conference rooms and offices brighter and to promote collaboration, Cox Castle said.

"Moving to the North Tower offered us an opportunity to create an ideal office environment that features enhanced collaborative meeting space and advanced technology to elevate the outstanding service that we already deliver to our clients," Camara said.

This is not the only major real estate move Cox Castle has made. In November, the firm also moved its Orange County office to a new space in Irvine, California, "as part of its initiative to upgrade the firm's offices," Cox Castle said.

As with the Los Angeles space, the Orange County offices also put a premium focus on upgraded technology capabilities, glass walls and promoting collaboration, according to a statement from the time.

Law office downsizing has become the norm in the recession's wake and firms are increasingly embracing new workplace design ideas that place an emphasis on efficiency — particularly in certain California and New York markets where real estate costs have been on an upswing.