

Buchalter Opens Eighth Office in San Diego

Buchalter announced its new office in San Diego with the addition of lawyers – Tracy A. Warren, J. Patrick Allen, Brittney R. Dobbins, Kathryn B. Fox, and Rick A. Waltman.

Tracy is the Managing Shareholder of the new office. Robert Zadek, previously in the firm's San Francisco office, is now full-time in San Diego as is Jeff P.M. Lewis, a member of the Health Care Practice Group. Shareholder J. Rick Tache, Co-Chair of the Intellectual Property Practice Group, will also spend a significant amount of time in San Diego.

"The decision to expand to San Diego was a natural one as the city's technology, cybersecurity, manufacturing, and health care industries are all booming. We look forward to further expanding our presence in San Diego in the near future to meet our clients growing demands for the services we offer," said President and Chief Executive Officer Adam J. Bass.

In a release, the firm said Warren represents both national and international clients in employment matters involving single plaintiff and class action defense. She also advises, counsels, trains and litigates in areas including wage and hour compliance, pay equity, sexual harassment, retaliation, terminations, hiring, leave of absence, reductions in force, employee discipline, workplace accommodations, religious exemption, NCAA bylaw compliance, and other matters of legal compliance.

"With Buchalter's already well established reputation in the market, I am honored to further deepen that footprint." said Tracy. "I am thrilled to offer my clients the full-range of business services and exceptional client service the firm has to offer."

Warren earned her J.D. from the University of Notre Dame, her M.J. in broadcast journalism cum laude from Temple University, and her B.A. magna cum laude from The College of New Jersey. She is also an Emmy Award winning sportscaster and the first female sports reporter at television stations in Philadelphia and Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Bank & Finance expert Robert Zadek focuses his practice on matters involving factoring, fintech, reverse factoring, supply-chain finance, asset-based lending, purchase order financing, commercial loan documentation, trade finance and letters of credit, loan workouts, and bankruptcy. Robert earned his J.D. and LL.M from New York University School of Law. He earned his B.S. from Syracuse University.

Allen represents employers in single-plaintiff and class action litigation involving discrimination, harassment, wrongful termination, and wage and hour violations. He earned his J.D. from the University of California, Los Angeles School of Law and his B.A. from the University of California, San Diego.

Dobbins represents individuals and businesses in employment, patent, and trademark litigation, including both single plaintiff and class action defense before state and federal courts and agencies, and in mediation and arbitration. In addition to litigation, she offers preventive advice regarding all aspects of labor and employment law, as well as trademark prosecution. Dobbins earned her J.D. with a concentration in Intellectual Property Law from California Western School of Law, and her Bachelor's degree cum laude from DePaul University in Illinois.

Fox advises employers on litigation avoidance and provides counseling on workplace law matters. She earned her J.D. with a concentration in Labor & Employment Law with honors from California Western School of Law. Fox earned her B.A. from the University of Southern California.

Waltman provides counseling services to businesses on a variety of employment-related issues, including compliance with the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA"), the California Labor Code, the California Health and Safety Code, as well as other state and federal laws. He earned his J.D., cum laude, from the University of San Diego School of Law and his B.S. from the University of Minnesota.