

Buchalter Announces New Members of Its Board of Directors

Buchalter is pleased to announce new additions to its Board of Directors – Damaris Medina, a Los Angeles and Orange County-based Shareholder, who is also the first Hispanic female in this position, Kevin Lytle, Shareholder in the Phoenix/Scottsdale office, and Matthew Covington, Shareholder in the San Francisco office.

Medina, recognized by numerous industry publications, including the Los Angeles Business Journal as a Woman of Influence in Health Care, for her professional achievements, is also Chair of the Women at Buchalter Committee and a member of the Strategic Planning and Recruiting Committee. As Chair of the Health Care and Life Sciences Industry Group and member of the Litigation and Health Care Practice Groups, Medina represents hospital systems and a diverse array of other health care clients in high stakes litigation in federal and state court, as well as in arbitration. Medina has successfully litigated numerous large exposure reimbursement cases against major health plans and recovered millions of dollars on behalf of health care providers. She also advises hospital systems and other health care providers on managed care contracting, revenue cycle strategies, and risk and compliance issues. She joined Buchalter in 2017.

Lytle serves as Co-Chair of the REIT Transactions and Compliance Industry Group and is a member of the Employee Benefits Committee. He represents clients in a broad range of real estate transactions involving sales and acquisitions, leases, sale-leasebacks, construction and permanent loans, acquisition loans, refinancings, loan and lease modifications and inter-creditor agreements. Representing public and private

real estate investment trusts, family offices, private equity, and other commercial entities, Lytle also has experience in business entity creation, including bankruptcy-remote structuring and commercial landlord-tenant law. Typical matters handled by Lytle relate to commercial properties, shopping centers, gas station/convenience stores, office buildings, industrial properties, and auto dealerships. He joined the Firm in 2018.

Covington, also recently appointed Managing Office Shareholder in San Francisco, focuses his practice on franchise, real estate, environmental, and commercial disputes. Among other clients, he routinely represents energy and petroleum companies. Covington's technical background is particularly useful in technically complex cases. He has represented clients in complex matters involving refinery operations, cogeneration plants, and geotechnical investigations. Covington joined Buchalter in 2017.