

# **Buchalter Adds Four Lawyers to New Sacramento Office, Brings Total to 13 in New Office**

After announcing the opening of a new office in February, **Buchalter** announces it has added four additional lawyers to its growing Sacramento office from LeClair Ryan. Robert McWhorter joins as a shareholder, Kevin Collins joins as of counsel, and Jacqueline Vu and Jarrett Osborne both join as associates. All join as members of the litigation practice group.

“Robert and his team are welcome additions to our new Sacramento office and I am confident they will make strong contributions to both the local office culture and the firm,” said Adam J. Bass, President and Chief Executive Officer of Buchalter. “As we continue to expand, I’m looking forward to further deepening our footprint in the Sacramento region and all of our office locations in the months to come.”

In a release, the firm said that McWhorter handles commercial, business and bankruptcy litigation matters on behalf of his financial institution clients, including those involving lender liability, insolvency, restructuring, receivership, and real estate. He has expertise handling Article 9 issues under the Uniform Commercial Code and Chapter 7, 9 and 11 bankruptcy proceedings, including California’s AB 506. His clients span a range of industries including real estate, manufacturing, healthcare, automotive, and more. He earned his M.B.A. from the University of Michigan, his J.D. from Wayne State University School of Law, and his B.A. from the University of Chicago.

“The opportunity to join the newly established office of a firm like Buchalter is a unique opportunity that we could not pass up,” said McWhorter. “I’m thrilled at the opportunity to join during such an exciting time and bring along a great team as we continue to represent all types of clients – trustees, secured creditors, acquirers, and more – in their litigation matters.”

In his commercial litigation practice, Collins represents insurers, public agencies, financial companies, and automotive manufacturers in a variety of matters, including class actions, multi-district litigation, products liability cases and antitrust litigation. He formerly served as general counsel for one of the largest public entities in Sacramento County and has approximately 20 years of experience representing cities, counties, and special districts. He received his J.D., with high honors, from the University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law and his B.A., cum laude, from the University of Redlands.

Vu has a two-pronged practice. She represents banks in a variety of matters, including loan work-outs, debt restructurings, lender liability, and foreclosures of residential and commercial real estate, while simultaneously representing employers in all aspects of labor and employment law. This includes discrimination and harassment, whistleblowing, wage and hour, family and medical leave, disability accommodation matters, and more. She received her J.D. from the University of the Pacific and her B.A. from the University of California Santa Barbara.

Osborne focuses his practice on bankruptcy, construction, and labor and employment matters on behalf of public and private institutions. He received his J.D. from the Santa Clara University School of Law and his M.B.A. and B.A., magna cum laude, from Monmouth University.

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