

# **Buchalter Adds Managing Shareholder and Three Attorneys from Archer Norris in San Francisco**

Buchalter announced that a team of former Archer Norris attorneys, including the firm's former managing shareholder, have joined the firm. Douglas C. Straus joined as a shareholder; Peter W. McGaw has joined as of counsel; and Benjamin C. Ellis and Zachary B. Young have joined as attorneys. All join the firm's San Francisco office. Both Straus and Young will also join the Litigation Practice; McGaw and Ellis will join the Litigation and Environmental and Natural Resources Practice.

"I am so pleased to welcome Doug and this talented team of attorneys to Buchalter. They will make strong contributions to both the office and the Firm. Incorporating their wealth of knowledge and expertise, especially in environmental regulation, provides additional value to our clients," said Adam J. Bass, Buchalter President and Chief Executive Officer.

A release from the firm continues:

Douglas Straus focuses his practice on commercial litigation in the areas of financial services, real estate development and lending, solid waste management, healthcare, and insurance.

Straus represents both private and public sector clients in dispute resolution in business, real estate, and public sector conflicts. As a skilled litigator, Straus has prevailed in jury trials, court trials and arbitrations involving tens of millions of dollars.

Straus earned his J.D. from the University of California,

Berkeley School of Law and his B.S. highest distinction, from Northwestern University.

“Joining Buchalter was an easy decision for us. Given the firm’s strong platform, I look forward to integrating my clients and providing them with the impressive resources the firm offers,” said Douglas Straus, shareholder.

Litigation attorney Zachary Young advises clients on matters involving contract disputes, fraud, intellectual property rights, including trade secret misappropriation, class action matters, and other complicated business disputes. Young has been successful in cases in both federal and state court, including the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Young earned his J.D., cum laude, from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law. Young received a double major, magna cum laude, from Santa Clara University, including a B.S. in Political Science and a B.S.C. in Business Management.

Of counsel Peter McGaw is an expert in environmental law. His practice includes regulatory, remediation, and property damage matters arising out of environmental legislation. McGaw also advises on legislative and regulatory drafting, and advocacy on environmental issues.

McGaw earned his J.D. from the University of California Berkeley School of Law and his B.A. Phi Beta Kappa from Stanford University.

As a litigation attorney, Benjamin Ellis’ environmental law experience includes working on matters associated with water contamination, permitting disputes, CERCLA and toxic exposure. Ellis has worked alongside government groups: DTSC, CPUC, LACMTA, CARB, RWQCB and Caltrans.

Ellis earned his J.D. with a concentration in environmental law from Vermont Law School. Ellis received his B.A. from The

Evergreen State College.