

Litigator Mary Dollarhide Joins DLA Piper in San Diego

DLA Piper announced that **Mary Dollarhide** has joined the firm's employment practice as a partner in the San Diego office.

Dollarhide has represented companies with a focus on wage and hour class actions and other employment matters for nearly 30 years, the firm said in a news release. She has experience defending clients in single-plaintiff cases involving sex or sexual orientation discrimination, executive misconduct, religious harassment, disability claims, breach of contract, theft of proprietary information and other related matters.

The release continues:

"We've recruited some wonderfully talented partners to our Employment practice in California over the past 5 years. Mary represents the capstone to these efforts. . She is remarkably talented, has had a distinguished career and now steps into an exciting opportunity joining DLA," said Michael Sheehan, DLA Piper's global co-chair of Employment and chair of the US Employment practice. "California presents dynamic and unique challenges for employers. Mary's breadth of experience working in multiple state and federal courts with an intimate knowledge of California labor laws will be valuable to our clients."

Dollarhide's addition builds upon the firm's strategic growth in California this year. In January, Ron Holland, Ellen Bronchetti and Pankit Doshi joined the firm's Employment practice in the San Francisco office. Also in January, Michael Brown joined the firm's Corporate practice in San Diego.

"Mary is a marquee trial attorney and a proven leader with the skills to help our clients navigate complex, large-

exposure and brand-threatening employment litigation,” said Troy Zander, managing partner of DLA Piper’s San Diego offices. “She has built a strong reputation in Southern California, and her arrival shows our commitment to attracting the state’s top talent while bolstering our bench of resourceful litigators.”

Dollarhide is a Fellow of the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and was selected by the Southern District of California to serve a three-year term as a Lawyer Representative for the court. She is the co-author of the legal treatise, “Reductions in Force in Employment Law,” published by the Bureau of National Affairs.

Prior to joining DLA Piper, Dollarhide spent her career at Paul Hastings LLP, most recently leading the Employment practice in San Diego. She received her J.D. from USC Gould School of Law, where she served as Editor-in-Chief of the Southern California Law Review, and her B.A., with honors, from Occidental College.

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