

New Shareholders Join Buchalter

Buchalter announced that it has added two new shareholders – real estate shareholder Faith K. Bruins in San Francisco and intellectual property shareholder Thomas J. Speiss III in Los Angeles.

In a release, the firm said Bruins practices tax-advantaged real estate investment, development and finance with an emphasis on equity investment in affordable multifamily housing projects eligible for federal and state tax credits and related benefits under the Internal Revenue Code. Her clients include syndicators, direct investors, for-profit and nonprofit developers and community development entities. She has also represented lenders and deal sponsors, aiding them in structuring complex tax credit transactions intended both to maximize financial and tax benefits and to have a positive impact on communities.

Bruins earned her J.D. at Boston College Law School and her LL.M in Taxation at Boston University School of Law. She received her B.A. from Middlebury College.

Speiss' practice focuses on global IP strategies and portfolio management. He has worked in global trademark counseling and litigation, including the development and management of trademark portfolios and trademark rights online, as well as related copyright protection.

Speiss earned his J.D from Villanova University School of Law in 1997, and his M.B.A from University of Southern California in 2005. He earned his B.S. from James Madison University in 1993.

