



Horvitz & Levy Expands San Francisco Office with Three Experienced Appellate Hires

Bay Area Office for Nation's Largest Appellate Boutique Offers Unmatched Expertise

SAN FRANCISCO, CA, February 19, 2019... Horvitz & Levy LLP, the country's largest boutique law firm dedicated to civil appeals and trial consulting, has expanded its San Francisco presence with three strategic hires. The firm operates on an experienced-hire model and in keeping with this strategy has added appellate experts Beth Jay, Christopher Hu, and Andrea Russi.

Beth Jay, former principal attorney to three California chief justices, brings 35 years of California Supreme Court experience and three years of federal appellate court insights to Horvitz & Levy's clients. In addition to serving as a senior adviser to the Chief Justice, Jay has served on numerous Supreme Court, Judicial Council, and State Bar committees with a focus on judicial ethics and multi-jurisdictional issues. She served former Chief Justices Malcolm M. Lucas and Ronald M. George for their entire tenure on the Supreme Court, and assisted Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye from the beginning of her term in January 2011 until Jay's retirement in 2015. Jay is a recipient of the Bernard E. Witkin Medal for her lifetime body of work and influence on the legal landscape.

Christopher (Chris) Hu brings to bear significant appellate expertise, having served as a judicial law clerk to Judge Kim McLane Wardlaw of the Ninth Circuit and Justice Goodwin Liu of the Supreme Court of California. Hu is a

graduate of Stanford Law School and won the Judge Thelton E. Henderson Prize for Outstanding Performance in Stanford's Supreme Court Litigation Clinic.

Andrea Russi most recently served as a staff attorney to Presiding Justice Ignazio Ruvolo (retired) of the California Court of Appeal, First Appellate District, Division Four. She also served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Central District of California, worked as an associate at Latham & Watkins, and was a Lecturer in Residence for the UC Berkeley School of Law where she was the Managing Director and Director of Criminal Justice for The Chief Justice Earl Warren Institute on Law & Social Policy.

Horvitz & Levy's Bay Area office opened in June of 2018 at 505 Sansome Street in the city's iconic Transamerica Pyramid Center, and is led by Kirk C. Jenkins, the former Chair of Sedgwick LLP's Appellate Task Force.

"The business growth in the Bay Area and the need for deep and strategic insights into the appellate process before, during, and after trial, is the catalyst for our swift expansion. Each of these hires brings unique and highly sought-after skills to our already robust platform," said Jenkins.

Horvitz & Levy has 40 attorneys focused on civil appeals in state and federal courts nationwide and is known throughout the legal community as the nation's premier appellate boutique.

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