Troutman Sanders is opening an office in San Francisco on April 1. This will be the firm’s fourth office on the West Coast since it first expanded into California in 2009. The office will be located in the Financial District at 580 California Street, where the firm has leased the entire eleventh floor.

“Our office in San Francisco will support our successful growth on the West Coast, and it will expand the robust work that we are already performing there for clients in our core practices of energy, finance, insurance, and intellectual property,” said Robert W. Webb, Jr., Chairman of Troutman Sanders. “In addition, as the United States business gateway to China, San Francisco will provide a unique and valuable link to our thriving offices in Beijing, Shanghai and Hong Kong to support and enhance the rapid growth of inbound and outbound work for our clients between our U.S. and China offices.”

Beyond the initial areas of focus, the practice of the San Francisco office is expected to expand to environmental, corporate and real estate work. “We are very excited to continue our expansion in California in a city in which a substantial number of our clients do business,” said Stephen E. Lewis, Managing Partner of Troutman Sanders. “Our new San Francisco office will strengthen our ability not only to meet our clients’ existing needs, but also to help them identify new business opportunities. In combination with our existing Orange County, San Diego and Portland offices, our San Francisco office will enable us to provide exceptional service on the West Coast for our clients’ most important matters.”

The San Francisco office will be led by Office Managing Partner Craig Kline, who is moving from the Troutman Sanders office in New York City. Craig is the head of the firm’s renewable energy practice, has more than 20 years of experience as a leading finance lawyer in New York, and has a significant client base in San Francisco. Joining Craig in the San Francisco office will be Jennifer Mathis, a partner who has been practicing in the firm’s Orange County office, and has nearly 20 years of litigation experience, with a special focus on insurance coverage matters in California. In addition, partner Kevin He has more than 10 years of experience as an intellectual property lawyer, focusing on patent litigation, licensing, and patent prosecution.

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Alumni Spotlight: **Ryan Flynn** - Vice President and General Counsel, Pacific Power

**Enjoyed the Camaraderie at Troutman Sanders**

**Ryan Flynn** was an associate in Troutman Sanders’ Washington, D.C. office from 2002 to 2004 and was a member of the energy practice. He focused on FERC regulation. In this Q&A column, Ryan discusses his journey to becoming Pacific Power’s Vice President and General Counsel.

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What do you enjoy most about your position? I like the opportunity to put people on my team in positions to succeed and to have the freedom to make difficult decisions.

What is a typical day like for you? A typical day is intense and includes a combination of policy, administrative and legal projects and discussions. The variety of work is what makes the job really interesting.

What career path led you to your current position? My interest in politics and policy-related work led me to Troutman Sanders’ FERC practice. Regulatory work is 80% policy and 20% precedent, so you are not bound by the past and have the flexibility to advocate for creative outcomes. That then led me to the in-house position with PacifiCorp and the chance to learn the business in a variety of different subject areas.

What is your advice to lawyers starting out at a firm? Is that the same advice you would give to someone starting out in-house? I would advise a lawyer to always say “yes” and to have a genuine curiosity and interest in learning about the industry. It is complicated. If you don’t understand, you are not alone.

Who was your most inspiring mentor in your career? Why? At Troutman Sanders, it was Amie Colby. She has a unique combination of legal and communication skills. She is confident and approachable. She provided a great example of how to conduct yourself professionally as a young associate.

What is your fondest memory of working at Troutman Sanders? The camaraderie. At the time, Troutman Sanders was only a 30-40 lawyer office in D.C. We all knew each other and helped each other out. We were trying to build something together, which made the firm a great place to work.

How did working at Troutman Sanders prepare you for your current position? The breadth of the work and the responsibility to manage projects at an early stage in my career helped to prepare me.

What is the best piece of advice you ever received? Professionally, ask for the job you want.

What do you like best about living in the Northwest? I am close to family, have the ability to get anywhere at any time, and I have access to the coast and the mountains.

What is your typical weekend like? As the kids are getting older, the weekends are more and more dedicated to their lives, which is great. Otherwise, it is getting an opportunity to hang out with my wife and listen to live music.

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The Firm Marks the Passing of Its Founder, Carl Sanders

A large crowd of dignitaries, family and Troutman Sanders lawyers and staff filled the Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church in Atlanta on November 22, 2014, to mourn the passing of former Georgia Governor, and Troutman Sanders founding partner, Carl E. Sanders.

Governor Sanders passed away on November 16 at the age of 89. Across Georgia, flags flew at half staff to mark his passing, while Governor Nathan Deal remarked that “greatness is history’s label of approval, and it is bestowed on very few. As we remember the life of Governor Sanders, we are also laying history’s wreath of greatness at his feet.”

All of the living former Georgia governors, including former President Jimmy Carter, sat in the front row of the church, where speakers remembered Governor Sanders’ leadership, his legacy and his love for his family and the state of Georgia.

“All his life, Carl Sanders loved the State of Georgia, and this week, the State loved him back,” said longtime friend and Troutman Sanders Senior Counsel Norman Underwood, who spoke at the memorial service. Norman reminisced about Governor Sanders’ leadership, especially in the early days of Troutman Sanders, and the fact that he was so proud to see the firm grow to the robust firm it is today.
Troutman Sanders Launches Re-Designed Website

We are pleased to announce the launch of a refreshed Troutman Sanders website (troutmansanders.com). We have made a number of enhancements to the site, including to the homepage, to make it easier for our clients and alumni to find the information they are seeking. There are a lot of great things happening across the firm, so we wanted our site to do a more effective job of promoting recent developments, including client successes and firm growth, and highlighting thought leadership. We hope you enjoy exploring our new and improved site.

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Former Atlanta partner Mark H. Cohen was confirmed by the United States Senate to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia. He was nominated by President Obama on December 19, 2013, and was confirmed by the Senate on November 18, 2014. Mark joined Troutman Sanders in 1990 and represented both private and governmental entities in federal and state trial and appellate litigation. In his regulatory practice, he advised clients on issues relating to procurement matters, rule-making and corporate governmental compliance.

The firm elected 10 new partners to the firm, effective January 1, 2015. The new partners are D. Kyle Deal (Raleigh/Financial Services Litigation), Byron Kirkpatrick (Atlanta/Environmental & Natural Resources), Christopher L. Lucas (Tysons Corner/Finance), Amanda Stokes Mann (Raleigh/Real Estate), Jason D. McLarry (Atlanta/Construction), Jeremy M. McLean (Richmond/MultiFamily Housing Finance), Eric Rumanek (Atlanta/Product Liability Litigation), James J. Sanders (Chicago/Insurance), Michael H. Wall (Atlanta/Real Estate), and Brian P. Watt (Atlanta/Business Litigation).

Eileen King Bower was named the new managing partner of the Chicago office. Eileen succeeded Becky Ross, who helped to first establish the firm's presence in Chicago in 2009 when Troutman Sanders merged with Ross Dixon & Bell. Eileen, who joined the firm in 2009 with the merger, is a partner in the Insurance practice.

Chad Stackhouse was named the new managing partner of the firm's Tysons Corner office. He succeeded Richard Pollak, who led the office for the past nine years, overseeing its continued expansion and August 2013 move to new office space. Chad joined Troutman Sanders in 2006 and is a partner in the Finance practice.

Lateral Partner Additions

Chris Browning, the first Solicitor General for the State of North Carolina, joined the Litigation practice in the Raleigh office. He has argued multiple times before the United States Supreme Court, as well as the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit and the North Carolina appellate courts.

Ed Kim and Peter Villar joined the Litigation practice in the Orange County office. Ed represents clients in complex business and securities litigation matters, including securities class actions, shareholder derivative claims, and mergers and acquisitions related litigation. Peter has extensive experience representing companies, banks and other financial institutions, as well as brokerage and accounting firms, in complex litigation.

John McDonald joined the firm’s Corporate and Private Equity/Investment Funds practice in the New York office. His practice focuses on private equity and strategic merger and acquisition transactions, venture capital and other financing transactions, including angel round, bridge, institutional preferred stock and venture loan debt financings, and private equity fund formation.

Sam Reaves, a commercial litigator and construction lawyer with significant experience throughout the Carolinas, joined the Charlotte office. His commercial litigation practice emphasizes both real estate litigation and other commercial disputes.

Chad Warrula and Kevin Christmas joined the Corporate practice in the Charlotte office. Chad's practice, while focused primarily on corporate and transactional law, encompasses a broad array of disciplines. He has significant experience in M&A, joint ventures, licensing, sports and entertainment, and intellectual property matters. He also leads an international contract management practice for several global clients. Chad was formerly the Executive Vice President and General Counsel of Dale Earnhardt, Inc.

David Bournazian joined the Litigation practice in the Orange County office. He focuses his practice on business litigation, with an emphasis on construction drafting and litigation, employment, class action, and real estate law. He previously served as the general counsel for Gehry Partners, LLP.

Keith Mrochek joined the Finance practice in the Charlotte office. He helps clients structure, negotiate, close and, when necessary, restructure or workout a wide array of debt financings.

Note to Reader

What alumni topics are you interested in reading about? Please e-mail the firm your comments at ts.alumni@troutmansanders.com.

New San Francisco Office

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He represents many clients in China and the Bay Area. Craig Stearns, an Of Counsel currently in the firm's New York office, will also be moving to San Francisco and will bring his skills in renewable energy, complex financing, and tax equity transactions.

In addition to the full time resident lawyers who will initially staff the office, nine Troutman Sanders lawyers resident in other offices will be spending significant time working in the San Francisco office. Partners John Leoniti (Renewable Energy), Stephen Hall (Renewable Energy), Adam Kobos (Tax), Richard Pollak (Finance), Marty Taylor (Finance), Kevin Kieffer (Insurance) and Doug Salyers (Intellectual Property), as well as senior associates Christine Byrnes (Energy) and Angela Levin (Environmental), will be actively involved in the firm's San Francisco office.

TROUTMAN SANDERS eMerge: Evolving, Expanding and Getting Attention

TROUTMAN SANDERS’ eMerge, the wholly owned firm subsidiary focused on legal and technology services related to electronic discovery in litigation and internal and government investigations, continues to deliver great value to clients and has secured significant industry recognition.

“When we started out, the idea of eMerge wasn’t so much a revelation, but a 10-year evolution,” said Alison Grounds, the Managing Partner of eMerge. The idea to create eMerge came as Alison and her colleagues saw the challenges of continuing to offer strategic legal advice on E-discovery matters while, at the same time, leveraging the technological advancements in the space. “We often partnered with various outside vendors when working on these types of matters,” she said. “But we realized that with the right mix of people, technology and a lot of hard work, we could do it better ourselves, and that’s just what we’ve done.”

Since launching in June 2012, eMerge has grown substantially. In addition to Alison and Chris Haley, Director of Litigation Technology for eMerge, approximately thirty lawyers and technologists make up the core team of the group. During that time, it has handled more than 550 matters for more than 350 clients in offices across the firm. While many of the matters eMerge works on are also matters involving the law firm, Alison said her team is branching out to handle matters for clients where the law firm has no involvement. To Alison, that is a sign that the group’s plan is working. “I think what I’m most proud of is that we have built a team that provides a service to our clients that other law firms and traditional vendors can’t provide,” said Alison. “We are taking a process that was expensive and burdensome for the clients and we’ve turned it into something that adds value by solving real problems. And for us, that’s really what it is all about.”

It is not only the firm’s clients that have taken notice, but the industry as well. Atlanta’s legal newspaper, The Daily Report listed eMerge in the “Best E-discovery Company – National” category in the publication’s Best of 2014 supplement. It also was ranked in the paper’s 2013 survey, even though it wasn’t on the ballot. At the time, eMerge received so many “write-in” nominations that the paper was compelled to add it to the list. In addition eMerge won the “Innovation Award for Best Law Firm Solution” at Relativity Fest, a conference held in Chicago and hosted by Relativity, a leading software platform for E-discovery.

Alison said she and her team have no plans to slow down. In the future, she sees eMerge expanding in areas beyond litigation. Whether it is corporate deals, environmental due diligence or other transactions, Alison sees opportunities for continued client collaboration. “The amount of electronic data that needs to be analyzed will only increase, and with the right people using the right technologies, we feel there are tremendous opportunities to add even more value to our clients.”

“(eMerge is a great success story that represents the entrepreneurial culture in our firm. As E-discovery became more common, Alison saw an unserved need of our clients and worked hard to find a solution. We are very proud of Alison and the entire eMerge team and look forward to their continued success for years to come.”

– Stephen E. Lewis, Troutman Sanders Managing Partner

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