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Locke Lord Bolsters Bench Strength on West Coast With Addition of Experienced Four-Lawyer Litigation Group in Los Angeles

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(LOS ANGELES) February 2, 2022 – Locke Lord has strengthened its **Los Angeles** office **Litigation** Practice Group with the additions of Partners **Amin Al-Sarraf**, who will serve as Head of the Firm’s **Entertainment** Industry Group, Eric Herzog and Associate **David Rutan**. Their additions mark eight attorneys to join Locke Lord’s Los Angeles office since the beginning of the year. Al-Sarraf and Rutan join Locke Lord from Glaser Weil, and Herzog joins the Firm from Norton Rose Fulbright.

“We are thrilled to welcome this group of well-known and skilled lawyers who will expand the litigation capabilities of our Los Angeles office, and whose arrival represents the latest milestone in the Firm’s continued commitment to growing Locke Lord’s presence on the West Coast,” said Locke Lord Los Angeles Office Managing Partner **Nina Huerta**. “Locke Lord offers them the ideal platform to collaborate with our extraordinary team not only in Los Angeles but across the Firm as well as significantly grow their practices.”

Al-Sarraf regularly represents large corporations, financial institutions, entertainment studios, talent agencies, investment funds, small businesses, government agencies and individuals in a wide variety of civil disputes and complex litigation, including employment, commercial and entertainment matters. He has significant courtroom experience, having first- and co-chaired numerous bench trials, jury trials and arbitrations. Al-Sarraf also has experience providing representation in highly complex and strategic matters involving investigations, public relations crises, fraud and corporate governance issues.

Deeply committed to his pro bono practice, Al-Sarraf was co-founder and co-chair of his previous firm’s pro bono committee, working closely with local public interest organizations to provide pro bono assistance in a variety of cases, including domestic violence and immigration cases and at numerous legal clinics throughout Los Angeles.

Herzog’s practice involves a wide range of complex litigation, including class actions, unfair business practices, trade secret misappropriation, insurance and securities litigation. He has substantial experience in defending class actions brought under California’s Unfair Competition Law and Consumers Legal Remedies Act. In the banking and securities areas, he has represented and advised banks and broker-dealers in federal and state court litigation, FINRA arbitrations and regulatory matters.

Also actively involved in the community, Herzog serves as a Board Member of Inner City Law Center, with which he has been co-counsel in significant tenants’ rights litigation. He is also a fundraiser and volunteer for the ALS Association Orange County Chapter.

Rutan represents clients in complex business cases, including disputes with international implications, such as foreign real estate developments and international distribution agreements. He has experience with shareholder and partnership disputes, fraud, real estate and land use disputes, breach of contract, unfair competition, trade secret disputes and employment disputes.

Locke Lord's Los Angeles office is a full-service office focusing on commercial and complex litigation, general commercial transactions, corporate representation, real estate and insurance regulatory matters. The litigation team includes experienced lawyers litigating individual and class action cases across diverse practice areas, including commercial disputes, employment/wage and hour, entertainment, environmental, insurance and reinsurance disputes and coverage analysis, intellectual property, product liability, toxic torts and unfair business competition. The Firm's Los Angeles office has significant experience representing financial services, insurance, industrial and local government clients in litigation, transactional and regulatory matters.

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