

# 2022 The Year in Review



## We are pleased to share with you the EPG Lawyers Year In Review for 2022.

On behalf of my colleagues here at EPG, I am delighted to share with you this year's Year in Review. It has been quite a busy year at the firm and we would like to take just a moment to share some of our success with you. After all, everything we do starts with you.

To begin, the firm changed its name from Enenstein, Pham and Glass to EPG Lawyers. It's a bit easier to say and we believe it better reflects the entire team here at the firm.

We've had some very notable wins for our clients this year. We've highlighted just a few of them in this report.

As we've expanded to meet the growing needs of our clients, we are pleased to have brought on some amazing additional talent. Their experience and expertise contribute to the other talented attorneys who make up our team.

Lastly we are so proud of the volunteer work our staff does in our community, assisting those who need our help the most. We'd like to share some of those efforts with you.

We thank you for your continued support and relationship with EPG, and we can't wait to see what 2023 brings.

David Glass
Managing Partner

A Letter from David Glass

## Big Litigation Wins in 2022

In 2022, EPG Lawyers continued to deliver superior results and significant victories for their clients.

#### State Bank of India

**ATTORNEYS** 

Teri T. Pham, Jinna Kang

We represented the State Bank of India in a very long legal battle that spanned several years and multiple cases. The Superior Court of Kern County last month granted our motion for summary judgment which had been pending since March and entered judgment completely in our favor. **Alvaro Montenegro** assisted with preparing the MSJ papers.

#### **Nancy De Mayo**

**ATTORNEYS** 

Teri T. Pham, Jinna Kang

We represented Nancy De Mayo, an actress, and her company who were being sued in a fraudulent loan/foreclosure dispute over several trust deeds. The case had been going on for several years with multiple other proceedings. We subbed in right before trial with no discovery having been taken by former counsel. Before trial, we offered to pay the plaintiff \$84,000 to settle. The plaintiff rejected the offer. Trial proceeded and after the close of evidence, opposing counsel contacted us the next day and offered to pay us \$28,000 to settle the matter, which we accepted. **Patricia Lin** assisted with research for trial.

### **Multi-Million Dollar Biotech Company**

**ATTORNEYS** 

Darren S. Enenstein

Petition for Writ of Mandate ordering Board of Directors of multi-million dollar biotech company to turn over books and records and hold shareholders meeting granted on behalf of shareholders, along with award of attorneys' fees.

#### \$300,000,000 Real Estate Portfolio

ATTORNEYS

Robert Rabbat, Jesse Bolling

After a nine-week bench trial concerning a \$300,000,000 real-estate portfolio, EPG Partners **Robert Rabbat** and **Jesse Bolling** secured a settlement for defense client that was less than 20% of plaintiff's final pre-trial demand.

### Three Levels of Legislation

**ATTORNEYS** 

Jesse K. Bolling

In a complicated case involving three levels of legislation (State of California, County of Los Angeles, City of Los Angeles), EPG Partner **Jesse K. Bolling** and his team successfully obtained a six-figure judgment on an offensive summary adjudication motion.

### **Year-End Victories**

- We obtained dismissal of our client who had recently been added to a nine-year long litigation involving a whole host of claims for interference, defamation, intentional infliction of emotional distress, etc. Tuan Uong drafted and argued the Motion to Dismiss.
- We successfully enforced a settlement agreement pursuant to CCP 664.6 and obtained a judgment for over \$1 million, including fees and costs, on behalf of our client. Scott Satkin drafted and argued the Motion.
- We prevailed on a Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings on a multi-million dollar wage and hour class action against our clients, including the principal of the company. Alvaro Montenegro drafted the Motion.
- We had a clean sweep on multiple post-jury trial motions and prevailed on a bench trial on a B&P 17200 claim on behalf of our clients. Our clients are now entitled to recover hundreds of thousands in legal fees and costs as the prevailing party. Matt Rosene drafted and argued the post-trial motions and second chaired the trial.



**Nikki Hart Caldeira** Prior to turning her focus to Family Law, Nikki held various senior positions in the sports and entertainment industry over a 20-year span, including Senior Vice President of Strategic Development at LiveXLive Media and Vice President Business & Legal Affairs at AXS Group, LLC, AEG's wholly-owned ticketing company that services music and live sports venues worldwide. Prior to that, she was part of Speedo North America's strategic leadership team through the 2012 and 2016 Olympics and worked for the NFL as Associate Counsel, where she focused on intellectual property, sponsorship, marketing, licensing and player development for the League and all 32 clubs.

Her diverse legal background is complemented with a Master's in Social Work, experience as an Adjunct Professor at Loyola Law School and a love for creative writing. Prior to receiving her J.D., Nikki worked with adolescent foster care children and as a teacher and coach at an independent K-12 school in New York City.



Andrew L. Johnson Prior to joining Enenstein Pham & Glass, Andrew worked at a highly successful boutique business litigation firm in Irvine. Before moving to California, Andrew practiced in Albuquerque, New Mexico, at Keleher & McLeod, a storied New Mexico firm, where he was a director and shareholder. Andrew's practice included business litigation, estate disputes, commercial general liability, civil rights, and personal injury defense.

Andrew earned his J.D. from the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University where he was a member of the moot court team that competed in the Dean Jerome Prince Memorial Evidence Competition at Brooklyn Law School. Prior to attending law school, Andrew worked as a superintendent for a multi-state semi-custom homebuilder in the Phoenix area. Andrew graduated from Brigham Young University with a bachelor's degree in History and a minor in Business Management where he worked as a video editor for the BYU football team.

In 2022, EPG Lawyers added to their depth of experience in Family Law, Business Litigation, and Corporate and Securities Law.

### **New Hires**



**Mike Piazza** Mike focuses his practice on securities and white collar litigation, complex commercial litigation, business disputes, and accounting liability matters. He regularly handles the defense of individuals and companies faced with allegations of wrongdoing asserted by U.S. regulatory authorities (e.g. SEC, CFTC, FTC, PCAOB), the U.S. Department of Justice, state attorneys general, and foreign regulatory authorities. He has deep experience with SEC policies, investigation priorities, and enforcement protocols.

As a former Regional Trial Counsel for the U.S. SEC's Los Angeles Regional Office, a primary area of Mike's private practice focuses on regulatory compliance and dispute resolution.

Mike is resident in our Orange County office.



**Scott A. Satkin** Scott specializes in commercial litigation, including business litigation, real estate disputes, and intellectual property. He also advises clients on compliance issues, including issues relating to COVID-19 based restrictions and privacy and cybersecurity regulations.

Scott uses his varied experience and analytical skills to assess cases from every possible angle. He also understands his clients' particular goals, and develops strategies to meet them effectively and efficiently.

Scott earned his J.D. from the University of California, Los Angeles School of Law, where he was a moot court honors recipient and represented the school at the Seigenthaler-Sutherland Cup National First Amendment Moot Court competition in Washington, D.C.



**Chip Sloan** Over Chip Sloan's 20-year career, he has worked at some of the country's top law firms and agencies in both New York and Los Angeles. Most recently, Chip co-founded a new private equity firm - Acceleration Equity, operated as Of Counsel at Scale LLP, Pryor Cashman LLP and as a shareholder at LeClair Ryan LLP.

Chip began his career at the Beverly Hills Sports Council in Los Angeles. Chip's unique and diverse background as a sports agent, entertainment lawyer, counsel and advisor to elite hedge and venture funds, and general counsel to various corporations, gives him a unique range of experience. He is well versed in a wide variety of complex legal matters and his expertise includes, but is not limited to, entity formation and strategy, business startups, fund creation and capital raising, branding and patents, business agreements, real estate, and complex mergers and acquisitions.

Chip is fluent in English, Spanish and conversational Portuguese. He has regularly guest lectured at Columbia University's graduate sports law program. Early on in his career, Chip clerked for the Honorable Judge Kathleen March. Chip is a 2003 graduate of The University of Southern California School of Law, where he was in the Moot Court Honors Program and a graduate of Northwestern University, B.A. - Political Science Department Honors Program.

## New Hires (Continued)



**Philip M. Duclos** Prior to joining Enenstein Pham & Glass, Philip worked in both state and federal courts as trial counsel in criminal defense and immigration mandamus. He has extensive trial and appellate experience in California and Michigan, where he began his practice after graduating from law school.

Philip earned his J.D. (specialization in advocacy) and LL.M. (international and comparative law) from Cornell Law School, where he participated in moot court, mock trials, capital defense appellate clinics, and served as a managing editor for the Cornell Journal of Law and Public Policy. Philip worked as a teacher in Thailand before attending law school and graduated from Walla Walla University with his bachelor's degree in history and religion, where he worked extensively in university governance, publication, and technology.



**Scott D. Mayer** Scott is a partner who specializes in real estate transactions and litigation. He is an accomplished 30-plus-year national commercial real estate attorney and executive who has worked for both private industry and government agencies. Scott's practice focuses on transactions and litigation involving real property acquisitions and dispositions, commercial lease negotiations, real estate development, secured real property loan transactions, and public/private real estate partnerships.

Scott is also a licensed real estate broker and currently the principal of the real estate development and brokerage firm, The Academy Group, Inc. He was recently the Chief Operating Officer of a privately held real estate firm in Beverly Hills, California, with approximately \$1 billion in commercial real estate assets under management. Scott was responsible for all aspects of the firm's real estate activities including acquisitions and dispositions, lease negotiations, development and joint venture projects, and property management.

Scott received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Philosophy from the University of California, Berkeley, his Juris Doctor from Loyola Law School, and a Master of Laws, with honors, in Tax from Golden Gate University.

## **Employee Updates**



**Lauren Shelby** was promoted from Associate to Senior Counsel in October 2022.



**Alvaro Montenegro** passed the California State Bar within the last year.



EPG Lawyers was a Gold Sponsor of the Public Law Center's "Volunteers for Justice" event on June 16, 2022.



EPG Lawyers was a Gold Sponsor of the 2022 National Conference of Vietnamese American Attorneys in New York on September 23-24, 2022



EPG Lawyers was a sponsor of Community Legal Aid of SoCal's "Justice Served" event on October 6, 2022, at the "Advocate for Justice" sponsor level.



EPG Lawyers was a Bronze Sponsor of the 310k 5K Run/Walk on October 23, 2022.

#### ALZHEIMER'S () ASSOCIATION

David Glass was reappointed as the Alzheimer's
Association California Southland Chapter Board of
Directors Chair. He was also chosen as the Chair of
the chapter's inaugural Purple Spring Gala fundraiser.

Erin Grey moderated the BHBA webinar "Recent Trends in Premarital Agreements"

Erin Grey served on the Beverly Hills Bar Foundation Scholarship Committee.

Erin Grey was sworn in as a new Co-Chair of the Beverly Hills Bar Association's family law section.

Erin Grey moderated the BHBA Family Law yearly symposium: "Family Law Symposium: Cross-Overs and Conundrums."



Erin Gray volunteers her time to the Harriet Buhai Center for Family Law, an organization that provides legal representation to low-income victims of Domestic Violence. She is currently litigation counsel for one of the organization's cases, which is important because while a lot of family law lawyers donate money, the organization really needs "soldiers on the ground."

Erin Gray received a Certificate of Appreciation for Family Law Judges of the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles for services rendered to the Judgment Assistance Day Program.

EPG Lawyers gives back to the community through volunteering, leadership, and sponsorship efforts.

## In The Community

## Media Appearances

A wide variety of media professionals turn to EPG Lawyers for their analysis and insight.

ARTICLE • January 5, 2022

**David Glass** was quoted in "Larsa Pippen & Scottie Finalize Divorce More Than 3 Years After Ending Marriage," *Hollywood Life* 

PODCAST • February 23, 2022

**David Glass** was interviewed in "But divorce can be your second chance at happiness," *Chatting with Betsy with host Betsy Wurzel* 



ARTICLE • February 24, 2022

**David Glass** was quoted in "Will Brad Pitt be successful in suing ex Angelina Jolie over sale of lavish French winery? Expert weighs in"

### **GMA**

TELEVISION • March 22, 2022

**David Glass** appeared in "Amanda Bynes heads to court in conservatorship hearing"



ARTICLE • April 13, 2022

**David Glass** was quoted in "What do Billy Ray, Tish Cyrus have at stake with their third divorce filing? Legal expert weighs in"

## **People**

ARTICLE • April 21, 2022

**Daniel Gutenplan** was quoted in "Johnny Depp 'Has an Uphill Battle' Proving Amber Heard Was Defamatory"

## **GMA**

TELEVISION • April 25, 2022

**David Glass** appeared in "Sherri Papini's husband files for divorce after mom admits to faking kidnapping"

## **People**

ARTICLE • April 27, 2022

**David Glass** was quoted in "Olivia Wilde Was Served Legal Papers from Jason Sudeikis in Middle of CinemaCon Presentation"



ARTICLE • May 3, 2022

**David Glass** was interviewed for an exclusive article on the inappropriate service of legal papers on Olivia Wilde by Jason Sudeikis.



ARTICLE • May 9, 2022

**Daniel Gutenplan** was interviewed in "Weeklong break in Depp-Heard defamation trial gives Depp's team advantage in cross-examination, expert says"



TELEVISION • May 24, 2022

**David Glass** appeared in "Kate Moss expected to testify in Depp-Heard defamation case"



TELEVISION • July 13, 2022

**Daniel Gutenplan** appeared in "A Marriage On Trial: Johnny Depp, Amber Heard, And Truth In The Age Of Social Media"



TELEVISION • July 30, 2022

**Daniel Gutenplan** appeared in "Shakira's legal battle over alleged tax fraud"

ARTICLE • August 27, 2022

**Jesse Bolling** was interviewed in "Top Lawyers: Jesse K. Bolling Of EPG Lawyers," *The 5 Things You Need To Become A Top Lawyer In Your Specific Field of Law* 

PODCAST • September 24, 2022

**Jesse Bolling** was interviewed by host Scott Roeben in the Apple Podcast *Vegas Never Sleeps* 



TELEVISION • September 29, 2022

**Jesse Bolling** appeared in "Shakira ordered to stand trial in Spain on tax fraud charges"

PODCAST • September 29, 2022

**Jesse Bolling** was interviewed in "Jesse Bolling on Searching for Integrity," *Searching for Integrity* 



ARTICLE • September 30, 2022

**David Glass** interviewed in "Inside MacKenzie Scott's Multi-Billion Dollar Divorce from Seattle School Teacher Dan Jewett"



TELEVISION • October 16, 2022

**Jesse Bolling** appeared in "EPG Lawyers' Partner Jesse Bolling Over Trademark Law Issue Between Crumbl Cookies, Dirty Dough, and Crave"

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