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Friedman Stroffe & Gerard adds high-profile litigator,
Richard W. Millar, Jr.,
as Of Counsel

IRVINE, CA, January 16, 2017 --- Richard W. Millar, Jr. has joined Friedman Stroffe & Gerard, P.C. ("FSG") as Of Counsel. Millar will work in FSG's Litigation and Real Estate & Construction groups. FSG is a leading transactional and litigation law firm based in Irvine.

Millar has been a practicing attorney in California for approximately 50 years. He is well-known in the Orange County legal community as a top

litigator and as a regular columnist for "Orange County Lawyer Magazine" (official publication of the Orange County Bar Association) with over 160 articles published. Millar's practice is primarily business, real estate, and construction litigation. Over the years, he has been hired by almost every title insurance company operating in Southern California to litigate real estate title issues. He has tried over 100 cases to verdict and handled over 50 Appeals. Millar has represented owners, general contractors, and subcontractors in a wide variety of construction disputes.



Millar has received Martindale-Hubbell's A-V rating for 35 years. The A-V rating is the highest rating possible for both legal ability and ethics. He has a 10 AVVO rating and is listed in Who's Who in the World, Who's Who in America, and Who's Who in American Law.

In 2015, Dick received the <u>Franklin G. West Award</u> from the Orange County Bar Association, which is the Bar's highest award presented to an outstanding attorney or judge who has advanced justice and the law.

Millar served for several years on the Orange County Superior Court's Arbitration and Mandatory Settlement Conference panels. He has also acted as a private mediator. He has served as an expert witness in the Orange County Superior Court in attorney malpractice actions as well as attorney fee disputes. Millar started his legal career in Los Angeles, first as a law clerk and then as Deputy District Attorney in the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office. He then moved into private practice and for the last 35 years was a partner at a prominent Orange County firm. Millar received his J.D. from the University of San Francisco. His memberships have included the American Bar Association, American Bar Foundation, Orange County Bar Association, Peter Elliot Inn of Court, and the Association of Business Trial Lawyers. In 2002, Millar served as President of the Orange County Bar Association, which is one of the largest Bar Associations in America.

"We are very pleased to have Richard join our firm," says <u>James D. Stroffe</u>, managing shareholder. "His stellar reputation and vast experience in litigation will be a tremendous asset in serving FSG's clients. Also, having Richard join us makes FSG the only law firm in Orange County that has two former Orange County Bar Presidents in the same firm (Robert Gerard was the Bar President in 2003)."



About the firm: Friedman Stroffe & Gerard, P.C. is a full-service business law firm representing domestic and foreign clients (from corporations listed on national and regional stock exchanges to family owned businesses and individuals) in a wide variety of business transactions and litigation matters. Members of the firm have worked as in-house attorneys or in other senior executive positions in the business arena and use that knowledge and "hands-on" experience to analyze and solve clients' legal problems. The firm's practice groups include: Corporate & Business including Mergers and Acquisitions; Intellectual Property; Real Estate & Construction; Litigation; and Employment & Labor. FSG has been selected by the Orange County Business Journal for its annual list of the "top law firms in Orange County."