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**ANNOUNCING THE LAUNCH OF THE LAW FIRM OF  
DUNN DESANTIS WALT & KENDRICK**

K. Elizabeth Dunn and Kevin DeSantis, formerly of Butz Dunn & DeSantis, APC, along with Christopher Walt of Walt & Associates and John Kendrick, Jr., formerly of Irvine-based Kendrick, Jackson & Kearl, PLC, have formed the new firm of Dunn DeSantis Walt & Kendrick, LLP. They are joined by partners James McFaul and David Cardone, both of whom were shareholders of the former Butz Dunn & DeSantis firm. The new firm began operations on September 1, 2016. With offices in San Diego, La Jolla and Irvine, the firm provides advisement, transaction and litigation services to its clients in California and across the U.S.

“In responding to the needs of our clients, we have developed a multi-faceted business model that allows us to effectively serve as our clients’ outsourced general counsel,” explained Kevin DeSantis, the firm’s managing partner. “We will continue to become strategic partners with our clients and work collaboratively towards their success.”

Dunn’s practice of over 30 years will continue to focus on complex business litigation with an emphasis on employment litigation, risk management, regulatory matters and union negotiations and grievances. Dunn also provides employment law compliance advice and business management counseling and training to the firm’s diverse client base.

Certified by the State Bar of California as a specialist in the area of legal malpractice law, DeSantis represents clients in complex civil litigation matters and risk management focusing on professional liability, commercial disputes, transportation industry matters, employment and wrongful termination. DeSantis also provides general business representation and strategic

advisement services to companies of all sizes, from small local start-ups to national enterprises including design, engineering and transportation companies.

Having practiced for over 37 years, including 10 years as an associate and partner at the firm of Luce, Forward, Hamilton & Scripps, Walt remains focused on the representation of emerging and established companies in general business, corporate and commercial real estate matters, mergers & acquisitions, and other transactional matters.

With more than four decades of service to his clients, Kendrick continues to focus on the representation of design professionals in business and construction disputes, and to provide them with counsel on insurance, real property and transactional matters. Kendrick represents a variety of construction and design professionals, businesses, commercial real estate developers, property managers and title insurance companies.

McFaul and Cardone will continue their practices focused on the representation of professionals and local and national businesses in professional liability matters, employment and commercial disputes, and class actions. They will also continue to serve as outside general counsel for a variety of Southern California businesses.

Attorneys Gregory Walt, Tracy Forbath, Allison Carcelli, Constantine Buzunis, and Jill Kirby expand Dunn DeSantis Walt & Kendrick's capacity to bring comprehensive representation to its clients.

Dunn DeSantis Walt & Kendrick handles the full spectrum of legal needs for a broad range of clients from small, local start-ups and non-profits to large, national companies. The firm's attorneys are focused on the representation of law and accounting firms, architects and engineers, general contractors and sub-contractors, transportation industry businesses, fiduciaries and other financial professionals, insurance agents and brokers, medical and healthcare

professionals, manufacturers, commercial real estate developers, hotel, hospitality, retail and service industry businesses, software and technology developers. The firm also maintains a strong commitment to its representation of public entities, charitable foundations and non-profit and religious organizations. More information can be found at [www.ddwklaw.com](http://www.ddwklaw.com).

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