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## **WEINTRAUB TOBIN AND WALDRON & BRAGG MERGE**

***Combined Business and Litigation Law Firm  
to Now Have An Office in Orange County***

### **SACRAMENTO / SAN FRANCISCO / LOS ANGELES, January 8, 2014 -**

Weintraub Tobin Chediak Coleman Grodin Law Corporation and Waldron & Bragg, a professional corporation, have jointly announced the merger of their business law and litigation firms. The combined firm will be named Weintraub Tobin Chediak Coleman Grodin and have offices in Sacramento, Calif., San Francisco, Calif., Beverly Hills, Calif., and Newport Beach, Calif. With more than 70 attorneys, the firm will continue to focus on corporate, litigation, entertainment, banking and finance, real estate, labor and employment, intellectual property, tax, trusts and estate planning, fiduciary abuse, and bankruptcy, among other areas.

“Dating back to 2010, our goal has been to grow to a state-wide firm that provides exceptional service to dynamic and growing companies throughout California. In keeping with our strategy, we have been open to growing in our current markets of Sacramento, San Francisco and Beverly Hills as well as looking at new areas that match the needs of our clients.” said Michael Kvarme, Weintraub’s managing shareholder. “Waldron & Bragg has a significant litigation practice and an exceptional reputation for their trial experience that will be an excellent addition to our existing practice. The combination of our firms represents our shared commitment to continually provide the highest quality legal services to our clients.”

“We are very pleased to know that the firm is available to our Plan directors, and members, throughout the entire state of California.” said long-time

firm client, Rick Floyd, Plan Administrator for the California Law Enforcement Association, California Association of Professional Firefighters, and National Peace Officers and Firefighter's Benefit Association. "Weintraub has served the legal needs of California Firefighters and Peace Officers since 1984. The firm's recent expansion into Orange County will have a very positive impact on our 45,000 participating members state-wide and specifically more than 2,000 firefighters and peace officer members within the area."

"Our clients have a need for expanded legal expertise in areas that Waldron & Bragg currently does not offer, and Weintraub brings these capabilities to the table with exceptional attorneys." said Gary Waldron, shareholder at Waldron & Bragg. "Weintraub is unique in that it provides the breadth and depth of services found at larger firms while providing the personal touches and responsiveness of a smaller one. This commitment to clients and service are at the core of each of our firms and will only make us stronger as one firm moving forward." said Sherry Bragg, managing shareholder at Waldron & Bragg.

The firm's executive committee will increase to six members as of Jan.1, 2014 and will include Chris Chediak (Sacramento), Gary Bradus (Sacramento), Ed Corey (Sacramento), Paul Gaspari (San Francisco), Marvin Gelfand (Beverly Hills) and Bragg (Newport Beach), with Kvarme continuing to serve as the combined firm's managing shareholder based out of Sacramento.

With headquarters in the California state capitol and offices in San Francisco, Beverly Hills and Newport Beach, the firm of Weintraub Tobin combines its shared vision and pledges to be an innovative provider of sophisticated legal services to dynamic businesses and business owners, as well as non-profits and individuals with litigation and business needs. The firm continues its long-time and strong support of the communities in which its attorneys live and work. On the web at [www.weintraub.com](http://www.weintraub.com).

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