

McGlinchey Stafford Opens New Office in Southern California

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McGlinchey News Release

McGlinchey Stafford is pleased to announce that the firm has opened a new office in Irvine, California. This is the first West Coast office for the growing national law firm. McGlinchey Stafford now has 180 attorneys in ten offices across the states of California, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, New York, Ohio and Texas.

The addition of a Southern California office enhances the firm's ability to serve the legal needs of key clients in the areas of financial services, business and general civil litigation. The firm has added two experienced lawyers in the Irvine office: Hassan Elrakabawy and Sanford Shatz.

Since August 2010, the firm has opened three new offices – two in Florida and now this one in California – to more efficiently and effectively serve its clients, primarily in the financial services industry.

"Serving our clients is our number one priority, and we are proud of our flexible business model which allows us to open new locations to better accommodate their changing needs," said Rudy Aguilar, McGlinchey Stafford's Managing Member. "We are excited to become part of the Southern California business community."

"The decision to open this new office was in direct response to the needs of key clients in the banking and housing finance industries," said Anthony Rollo, head of the firm's national Financial Services Litigation group. "We're thrilled to add these outstanding attorneys in Irvine, who will be further supported by our existing team of California-licensed attorneys resident in our other offices."

ABOUT THE IRVINE OFFICE

Sanford "Sandy" Shatz has over 25 years of experience handling mortgage lending litigation. He has in-depth experience litigating in all facets of mortgage disputes, with an emphasis on loan origination and servicing, debt enforcement, trustee activities, bankruptcy, escrow and title matters. Sandy was formerly employed as in-house counsel handling similar matters for a large national bank. Sandy regularly speaks and publishes on financial services, mortgage litigation and regulatory topics, including compliance issues relating to the HBR and new mortgage servicing rules issued by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB). He earned his law degree from Cornell Law School in 1985 and his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Michigan in 1981.

Hassan Elrakabawy is a 2005 Honors graduate of The University of Texas School of Law. Hassan's litigation experience includes matters involving wrongful foreclosure, loan servicing claims, violations of state and federal consumer finance statutes, SBA guaranteed loans, enforcement of guarantees, and title and casualty insurance claims. Hassan earned his Bachelor of Arts degree, from The University of Texas.

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