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## **HIGGS FLETCHER & MACK NAMES THREE NEW PARTNERS**

**SAN DIEGO** (January 6, 2019): Higgs Fletcher & Mack is proud to announce that attorneys Derek Paradis, Lisa Samuth, and Maggie Schroedter are the Firm's newest partners, effective January 1, 2020.

Paradis' practice focuses on business litigation, employment law, and hospitality and retail. He has extensive experience litigating claims brought by individuals, and class plaintiffs in both state and federal court. He also provides compliance advice and counsel on all aspects of the employer-employee relationship to clients in the hospitality industry including hotels, restaurants, bars and nightclubs. Paradis was elected to the San Diego County Hotel-Motel Association Board, which supports the local tourism industry, and he serves on the Board of Directors of the San Diego County Bar Foundation, the charitable arm of the San Diego County Bar Association.

Samuth practices in estate and tax planning, including multi-generational estate and business succession planning, probate and trust administration. Her clients range from individuals with modest to high-net worth estates, family and closely held businesses, as well as beneficiaries and fiduciaries such as individual and professional trustees. She is currently a member of the Estates & Trusts Council of Rady Children's Hospital Foundation and is a volunteer for the San Diego County Bar Association's Wills for Heroes program, which provides wills and other estate documents free of charge to the county's first responders.

Schroedter has a commercial litigation and bankruptcy practice, with a special emphasis on bankruptcy appeals. She also represents individual business owners, their companies, investors, and creditors in complex business disputes involving breach of contract, fraud, intentional business torts, real estate, and preference and fraudulent transfer matters. Schroedter serves on the Board of Directors of Lawyers Club of San Diego and is a Past President and a current Board Member of the San Diego Bankruptcy Forum.

"Derek, Maggie, and Lisa all exemplify our Firm's core values and commitment to client service," said Steven Cologne, Higgs Fletcher & Mack's Managing Partner. "All three are highly-regarded attorneys who are well-deserving of partnership in our Firm."

Higgs Fletcher & Mack is comprised of nearly 80 attorneys, practicing in over 20 distinct areas of law and serving myriad industries.

## **About Higgs Fletcher Mack**

Higgs Fletcher & Mack is a full-service law Firm that serves diverse individuals and industries. For 80 years, the Firm has worked tirelessly with companies and people that need legal counsel and representation in and out of the courtroom. Higgs Fletcher & Mack's more than 75 attorneys have experience in multiple fields of law, and its internal network of legal professionals frequently coordinate in practice area groups that have multi-disciplinary dimensions, helping clients make a more informed decision. The Firm is actively recruiting partner-level talent in complimentary practice areas to provide legal expertise in the San Diego region and beyond.

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