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Miller Starr Regalia Announces New San Francisco Office; F. Gale Connor Joins New Office As Shareholder

Related Lawyers: **F. Gale Connor, Lance Anderson**

Miller Starr Regalia (MSR), a preeminent California real estate law firm for more than 45 years, announced today that it is establishing a stronger presence in San Francisco with the opening of an office, the relocation of several attorneys and addition of a prominent real estate shareholder. The move will establish the firm in one of the most dynamic and innovative business environments in the world, strengthen its ability to represent national and regional clients, and bring the firm closer to its existing and expanding San Francisco client base.

F. Gale Connor, who has been practicing eminent domain and real property law in San Francisco for more than 25 years, has joined the firm as a shareholder in the new office. Connor comes to MSR from Nossaman LLP, where he was a partner in the firm's San Francisco office.

"Miller Starr Regalia has been a leading California real property law firm for 50 years. With the increase in real estate activity, including the migration of many high tech companies from Silicon Valley to South of Market (SOMA), the growth of biotechnology, healthcare and pharmaceutical companies, as well as land development and business expansion from clients headquartered in San Francisco or doing significant business here, we believe that establishing an office in SOMA places our transactional, land use and litigation attorneys in the heart of the action," said Anthony M. Leones, Miller Starr Regalia's managing shareholder.

Joining Connor in the San Francisco office are Miller Starr Regalia attorneys Lance Anderson, Kenneth Styles and Giselle Roohparvar. They will be supported by Miller Starr Regalia attorneys from other offices who will spend considerable time in the firm's San Francisco office.

Anderson, representing an impressive list of some of the nation's top companies, is a transactional shareholder with substantial experience in retail, office, industrial and laboratory leasing as well as the acquisition and disposition of all manner of real estate. Styles is a shareholder whose practice focuses on commercial and real estate litigation and title and escrow regulatory/consulting matters. Roohparvar is a litigation associate representing investment funds, financial institutions, government entities, corporations and property owners.

In addition to eminent domain, Connor's practice focuses on commercial leasing, acquisition and disposition of improved and unimproved properties, real estate finance and litigation of environmental, title and land use cases. He also serves as special outside counsel for real estate acquisitions for various public agencies. Connor earned his B.A. from Oberlin College with honors and his J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center. Connor is also Vice President of Chapter 2 of the International Right of Way Association (IRWA).

"Miller Starr Regalia, with its sterling real estate law reputation, is a wonderful fit for my practice and I welcome the opportunity to help shape and grow the firm's presence in San Francisco and throughout the state," said Connor. "I look forward to working with my Miller Starr Regalia colleagues to tackle various eminent domain and other real estate related matters."

“In today’s legal market, there are tremendous growth opportunities for firms with a strong and well established legal expertise like Miller Starr Regalia, ” added Mr. Leones. “This is an exciting time for the firm and in the months ahead we will be actively looking to expand our presence in San Francisco with high quality attorneys.”

Miller Starr Regalia’s new office is located at 153 Townsend Street, Suite 610, San Francisco, CA, 415-638-4800. The firm is headquartered in Walnut Creek, CA with a Southern California office located in Newport Beach.

About Miller Starr Regalia

Miller Starr Regalia has had a well-established reputation as a leading real estate law firm for over forty-five years. For nearly all that time, our firm has written *Miller & Starr, California Real Estate 3d*, the 12-volume encyclopedia on California real estate. We call it “THE BOOK.” THE BOOK is the most widely used and judicially recognized real estate treatise in California and is cited by practicing attorneys and courts throughout the state. Our firm has expertise in all real property matters, including full-service litigation and dispute resolution services, transactions, acquisitions, dispositions, leasing, construction, management, title insurance, environmental law, and redevelopment and land use. For more information, visit www.msrllegal.com.