MILLER STARR REGALIA

JANUARY 6, 2021

Samantha Chen And Nicholas Ma Join Miller Starr Regalia As Litigation Associates In Walnut Creek Office

Related Lawyers: **Nicholas Ma**, **Samantha Chen**

Related Practices: **Administrative Law & Hearings** , **Arbitration & Alternative Dispute Resolution** , **Commercial & Business Litigation**, **Land Use & CEQA**, **Land Use - Litigation**

Miller Starr Regalia (MSR), a preeminent California real estate law firm for more than 50 years, announced today that Samantha Chen and Nicholas E. Ma are joining the firm's Walnut Creek headquarters as litigation associates.

Three litigation associates have joined MSR within the past year. Prior to joining MSR, Chen was an associate in the Walnut Creek office of Best Best & Krieger LLP and Ma was an associate in the San Francisco office of Weintraub Tobin Chediak Coleman Grodin.

Chen litigates in both state and federal court and advises public agency clients on land use, planning and zoning matters including the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and other issues such as building and municipal code enforcement, ADA compliance, public works projects, and government transparency laws.

Ma’s practice concentrates on commercial litigation for a wide range of clients, including real estate developers, tech companies, financial institutions and public entities. His real estate experience includes landlord-tenant and complex construction defect issues.

“Samantha’s experience with planning, land use and zoning issues will be a great asset to our Litigation Department and to our clients,” said Ella K. Gower, Miller Starr Regalia's managing shareholder. “Nicholas has worked with a variety of clients, from real estate developers and small tech companies to large institutional clients, reflective of MSR’s diverse client base.”

“We are very pleased to add two more talented attorneys to our Litigation Department as we continue to grow and handle a myriad of litigation issues including those that have arisen as a consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Anthony Leones, chair of Miller Starr Regalia's Litigation Department. “Samantha’s experience representing public agencies on a variety of legal issues and Nicholas’ work on construction and landlord-tenant litigation add valuable elements to the breadth of our litigation practice.”

MSR's Litigation Department represents Fortune 500 companies, governmental agencies, developers, homebuilders, financial institutions, title insurers, property owners and managers, retailers, media companies, manufacturers, REITs and smaller companies in a variety of matters related to business, real property, commercial, environmental, construction and insurance-related disputes.

Chen received her J.D. from the University of California, Davis School of Law and her B.S. from Emory University. She was an extern for the Hon. Troy Nunley of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California and the Hon. John Laettner of the Contra Costa Superior Court.

Ma received his J.D. from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law and his B.A. magna cum laude from the University of California, Irvine. He provided corporate legal services to tech companies in the Bay Area through the Hastings Startup Legal Garage.

Contact:
Erika Freed
newsPROs
Phone: 1.917.969.0787
Email: Erika@newspros.com

Miller Starr Regalia

Miller Starr Regalia has had a well-established reputation as a leading real estate law firm for more than fifty years. For nearly all that time, our firm has written *Miller & Starr, California Real Estate 4th*, a 12-volume encyclopedia on California real estate law. 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 experience in all real property matters, including full-service litigation and dispute resolution services, transactions, acquisitions, dispositions, leasing, common interest development, construction, management, title insurance, environmental law, and redevelopment and land use. For more information, visit www.msrlegal.com.

© 2026 Miller Starr Regalia. All Rights Reserved. Attorney Advertising.