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Property Insurance Standouts Join Morris Polich & Purdy LLP's San Francisco Office

Los Angeles, CA - - Morris Polich & Purdy LLP is pleased to welcome property insurance specialists Douglas K. Wood and Andrea Bednarova to our newest office in San Francisco.

New MPP Partner Doug Wood is a Martindale-Hubbell "AV-Preeminent" rated trial attorney who has been repeatedly recognized as one of a limited number of the *Bay Area's Best Insurance Lawyers*, and one of Northern California's *Super Lawyers*. Multi-lingual Associate Andrea Bednarova also has quickly distinguished herself as a bright young talent in this specialized practice area.

Doug and Andrea counsel insurers regarding the full spectrum of complex property insurance coverage issues, and defend property coverage and "bad faith" litigation. They may be best known, however, for their expertise in handling difficult cases arising out of suspected arson fires and fraudulent claims.

Doug and Andrea join an already outstanding MPP property insurance team that includes Stephen H. Huchting, Gary A. Hamblet, Scott M. Koppel, Mark E. Hellenkamp, and Pamela A. Palmer, making the MPP property insurance team one of the strongest in the country. Their addition also represents another significant step in the firm's continuing business expansion initiative.

"We are very excited to welcome Doug Wood and Andrea Bednarova to our firm," says Managing Partner Don Ridge. "Their vast and diverse experience and skills contribute to MPP's already noteworthy dedication to client service; our clients will reap the benefits of their expert advise and counsel. Our new San Francisco office will continue to grow this year, allowing us to further provide to our clients in Northern California the high level of client service for which we are well-known in Southern California and Nevada."

About MPP

Morris Polich & Purdy LLP is a law firm that works with its clients on a national basis. We represent clients in every state, as well as many U.S. possessions. We also have a wealth of international affiliations.

Our dedication to clients, combined with extensive experience, both in the trial and appellate courts, are the qualities that distinguish us from other law firms. Our attorneys are known for their vast experience and success. We provide superior legal services in a manner consistent with our clients' best interests and goals. We are committed to expertise in all our areas of practice, knowing our clients' businesses and providing client service at the highest level.