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Robert W. Barnes, through his professional corporation, is a partner of the Firm and heads the Firm's litigation practice. Mr. Barnes uses the skills and experience he has gained in 35 years of a broad-based business litigation practice to offer his clients the strategic counseling, risk analysis, and dispute resolution techniques necessary to address and efficiently solve complex business problems.

Mr. Barnes' in-depth experience on behalf of a broad cross-section of individual and corporate clients includes trials and appeals in state and federal courts, arbitrations before national and international tribunals, hearings before administrative agencies, and private mediations designed to give the parties a voice in the outcome of their dispute. His practice has included the successful resolution of disputes between business owners, such as partners or shareholders of closely held corporations; trade secret and unfair competition claims; sexual harassment, wrongful discharge and other disputes between employers and employees; net profit and contract claims in the entertainment industry; disputes arising in the course of business bankruptcies; and a broad array of disputes that arise out of the sale, acquisition and development of real estate. Mr. Barnes also offers his clients day-to-day strategic counseling and advice regarding risk analysis and insurance matters.

Mr. Barnes honed his skills during a 16 year span with Greenberg Glusker Fields Claman & Machtinger LLP in Century City. He is a member of the State Bar of California (Litigation and Labor and Employment Law Sections), Los Angeles County Bar Association (Labor Activities Section), and the American Bar Association (Litigation Section). He has participated in local bar activities and seminars and served as a small claims court judge.

Mr. Barnes received his undergraduate education from the University of Michigan and Pitzer College (B.A. in 1976) and legal education at UCLA School of Law (J.D. 1980), where, among other things, he was elected Chief Justice of the Moot Court Honors Program and received the Order of the Barristers Award. He



was admitted to the California Bar in 1980, the U.S. District Court, Central District of California, and the U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, in 1981, and the United States Tax Court in 1997.