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## **Manning & Marder, Kass, Ellrod, Ramirez Forms Supreme Court Practice Group**

Los Angeles - Manning & Marder, Kass, Ellrod, Ramirez today announced the formation of a Supreme Court Practice Group, to be headed by Los Angeles partner Steven J. Renick, a Certified Appellate Law Specialist. Mr. Renick recently won a third unanimous victory at the United States Supreme Court in *Hui v. Castaneda*, decided on May 3, 2010, to go with three unanimous wins at the California Supreme Court. The Practice Group will be made up of lawyers from several of the firm's offices who practice on the firm's Strategy, Writs and Appeals Team.

"Steve has a remarkable gift of getting the attention of Supreme Court justices, both in Washington and San Francisco," said Managing Partner Steven D. Manning in announcing the formation of the new Practice Group. "He has won certiorari or review in six cases at the Supreme Court level. Each of those six cases has resulted in a unanimous victory for our clients following briefing on the merits. So, out of 48 possible votes of Supreme Court justices in these cases, 48 votes were cast for our clients."

In addition to Mr. Renick, three other partners on the Strategy Writs and Appeals Team will make up the Supreme Court Practice Group. Each of the team members also has had success on the merits at the Supreme Court level. Irvine partner Scott Davenport ([swd@mmker.com](mailto:swd@mmker.com)) is also a Certified Appellate Law Specialist, who won a summary reversal by the United States Supreme Court before briefing or oral argument in *Rettele v. County of Los Angeles*, decided in 2007. Los Angeles partner David J. Wilson, head of the Strategy, Writs and Appeals Team and a Certified Appellate Law Specialist will also be part of the Practice Group, along with San Francisco partner Patrick Hurley ([plh@mmker.com](mailto:plh@mmker.com)).

"We are forming this team to focus for our clients the unusually successful experience of these partners," said Mr. Renick. "Supreme Court practice is highly specialized, and successful petitions for certiorari or review are rare. The qualities that lead to success in this area also empower our appellate practice and our briefs in trial courts. Scott Davenport, for example, won a summary reversal of a Ninth Circuit decision with a certiorari petition that was so strong the Supreme Court intervened and reversed the ruling, without full briefing or oral argument. That is a unique win."

"After Steve's most recent win, we saw that our clients would benefit from his skill and expertise at this level, which is unusually strong," said David Wilson. "With the Supreme Court granting less than 5% of requests for taking cases, getting six cases onto the dockets in these two Supreme Courts is outstanding. Building on this, the additional successes by the other lawyers in the Practice Group will be a big asset to clients faced with tough, high-profile cases, at the trial court, as well as in appeals."

### **About the Firm**

Manning & Marder, Kass, Ellrod, Ramirez is a civil litigation law firm with 140 attorneys in five offices: Los Angeles, Irvine, San Diego, San Francisco, and Scottsdale, Arizona. The Strategy Writs and Appeals Team has 16 lawyers. For more information, please visit us at [www.mmker.com](http://www.mmker.com)