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Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP Elevates Six Members to Equity Partners and Appoints a New GC

Los Angeles – Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP is pleased to announce that the following firm members have been elevated to equity partners: **Mark J. Austin**, **Thomas D. Jex**, **Kevin D. Siegel**, **Alan A. Sozio**, **Gregory B. Thomas**, and **Samantha W. Zutler**. Burke's total equity partner count now stands at twenty-five.

Burke Managing Partner **John J. Welsh** noted, "Burke's equity partner group welcomes these six highly accomplished members of the firm. This expansion is a testimony to the stability and growth model at Burke."

Mark Austin is a member of Burke's Litigation; Public Law and Tort Claims and Products liability practices. Tom Jex is a member of the firm's Public Law and Education Law practices. Kevin Siegel is a member of Burke's Public Law; Environmental, Land Use, and Natural Resources; and Litigation practices. Alan Sozio is a member of the firm's Public Law (Eminent Domain); Environmental, Land Use, and Natural Resources; Litigation; and Real Estate and Business practices. Greg Thomas is a member of Burke's Litigation; Public Law; and Insurance Coverage and Litigation practices. Samantha Zutler is a member of the firm's Public Law; Litigation; and Labor and Employment practices.

Charles E. Slyngstad, partner and Chair of Burke's Litigation practice, has been appointed General Counsel for the firm. Slyngstad has served as lead trial counsel in a number of high profile cases involving Burke's public sector and private sector clients. He is a certified specialist in Legal Malpractice Law by the Board of Legal Specialization for the State Bar of California. In his expanded role as Burke's General Counsel, Slyngstad will help guide decisions on all legal, risk, and compliance issues affecting the firm.