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Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP Elevates Three Members to Equity Partners

Los Angeles – Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP is pleased to announce that the following firm attorneys have been elevated to equity partner: Karl H. Berger, Johanna N. Canlas, and Algeria R. Ford. Burke's total equity partner count is thirty now.

Burke Managing Partner John J. Welsh noted, "Burke's equity partner team welcomes these three highly accomplished members of the firm as co-owners. This equity partner expansion is testimony to the continued stability and successful growth of our firm."

Karl Berger's thirty years of practicing law are exclusively devoted to representing public agencies. He is City Attorney for the City of Bellflower; City Attorney for the City of Monterey Park; General Counsel for the Carpinteria Sanitary District, and Counsel for the Conejo Parks and Recreation District. Additionally, Karl is the Assistant City Attorney for Simi Valley; Assistant City Attorney for the City of Santa Clarita, and Senior Assistant City Attorney for the City of Simi Valley.

Johanna Canlas provides superior advisory skills and subject matter expertise to public entities and non-profits. Johanna serves as City Attorney for the coastal cities of Coronado and Solana Beach. Johanna is the General Counsel to SBCS Corporation, a community-based nonprofit organization providing a comprehensive range of services for children, youth, and families in San Diego County. Johanna served as General Counsel to Solana Energy Alliance, the first Community Choice Energy Program in the San Diego region prior to its merger with Clean Energy Alliance (CEA). Since 2022, Johanna is the General Counsel to CEA.

Al Ford is a member of Burke's Public Law, Employment Law & Litigation, and Education Law practice groups. He serves as City Attorney for the City of Simi Valley, Assistant City Attorney for the City of Cathedral City, and Assistant City Attorney for the City of Rialto. Al also serves as General Counsel for the Banning Library District and General Counsel for City of Simi Valley/Waterworks District No. 8.

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