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Los Angeles-based Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp opened a New York office located at 12 East 49th Street, 30th Floor, in Manhattan, that will focus initially in the practice areas of litigation, intellectual property, entertainment and real estate. The firm also has offices in Washington, D.C. "Our deep track record and diverse experience working on a wide range of challenges confronting the media and entertainment industries makes New York City a natural environment for MSK," said Firmwide Managing Partner Thomas Lambert. "With the addition of six strong partners in key practice areas, we are ready to offer this market a unique set of capabilities, while providing important service enhancements for our current clients."

"All of us are excited by the prospect of bringing the MSK tradition to New York," said Office Managing Partner Jane Stevens. "The firm has long been recognized as a leader in the areas of entertainment and intellectual property law, among others. We are looking forward to building on that reputation as we build a strong and diversified New York presence." Lauren Wachtler, who joins MSK after recently being elected to the Women's Leadership Board at the Harvard University Kennedy School of Government, added, "In addition to its commitment to providing the highest quality legal services, MSK is dedicated to principles of diversity in the profession and in the workplace that I not only share, but have worked to promote for many years."

Joining Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp as new partners in the New York office are six seasoned attorneys: Christine Lepera, a commercial litigator who regularly handles claims of intellectual property infringement, unfair competition, and contract and commercial disputes in the entertainment industry; Paul V. LiCalisi, a commercial litigator focusing on copyright, trademark, internet rights, contract and commercial disputes, rights of publicity, and unfair competition; Paul D. Montclare, a commercial, business and real estate litigator with experience in commercial and private real estate transactions, general representation of independent television studio providers, and extensive jury and non-jury trials and appellate advocacy; Jane G. Stevens, a commercial litigator whose practice emphasizes matters involving copyright, trademark, music publishing and recording industry issues; Lauren J. Wachtler, a commercial and business litigator experienced in a wide range of jury and non-jury trials, including cases



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involving commercial, business and premises liability, construction liability defense, insurance defense and business torts; and Howard H. Weller, a commercial litigator focusing on intellectual property litigation and counseling, with particular expertise representing national and international clients.