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Gaw Van Male Adds Experienced Business Litigator

FAIRFIELD, California – Gaw Van Male, Counselors at Law, further strengthened its business and commercial litigation practice with the recent addition of David R. Lawson. With extensive experience in federal and state courts, Lawson is the third Harvard Law School graduate to join Gaw Van Male during the past year.

“This is another significant move by Gaw Van Male to be the leading business law firm in the North Bay,” said Scott Reynolds, Managing Director. “We already represent local, regional, national, and international businesses, both public and private. David will fit very well in helping our clients to avoid disputes and to resolve them when they inevitably occur.”

Lawson has represented both defendants and plaintiffs in trial and appellate courts. His experience includes securities, anti-trust, and other complex commercial litigation, as well as unfair competition, employment, and business disputes.

“My business litigation experience is very broad, involving general disputes, intellectual property, trademark, contract and those sorts of commonly occurring issues,” Lawson said. “My real strength, and my real value to Gaw Van Male’s clients, is my comfort with high stress, high stakes complicated disagreements.”

A fellow Harvard Law School graduate, and senior litigator at Gaw Van Male, is Jim Forbes. “Complex commercial litigation usually involves multiple parties, truckloads of documents, countless witnesses, and a mind-bending complex of inter-related issues,” Forbes emphasized. “David and I have over 30 years of handling such cases, including trials and appeals in federal and state courts. We’re both used to winning.”

“What David and I can do with our experience is handle virtually any contract case, business liability, employment matter, insurance coverage, or other significant business litigation that a client in the North Bay previously would have taken to a San Francisco firm,” Forbes concluded.

Founded in 1972, Gaw Van Male has grown to 27 attorneys and 40 staff members. It is one of California’s leading Estate Planning firms, offering a broad range of wealth preservation, business succession, and exit strategies. GVM excels at general business and corporate counsel, with depth of experience in securities, financing, mergers and acquisitions. With active practices also in employment law, litigation, tax, intellectual property, and real estate, Gaw Van Male takes a comprehensive multidisciplinary approach to the opportunities and challenges facing its clients.

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