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## **Cohen Williams LLP Promotes Roya Ladan to Partnership; Rachael Robinson and Yusuf Saei Join as Associates**

LOS ANGELES, CA, January 23, 2024—Cohen Williams LLP (“CW”) is proud to announce the promotion of Roya Ladan to partner. Rachael Robinson and Yusuf Saei have also joined the firm as associates.

Roya is a trial lawyer who represents individuals and entities in all stages of litigation, from investigations to trials, arbitrations, and appeals. As an employment litigation specialist, Roya advises and defends employment actions including wage and hour disputes, misclassification, employment discrimination, retaliation, sexual harassment, and whistleblower actions. She also provides guidance to clients dealing with complex criminal and civil matters with an emphasis on cases that lie at the intersection of employment and criminal law.

Prior to entering private practice, Roya served as a trial attorney for California's Civil Rights Department, leading several jury trials and administrative actions involving employment and housing discrimination. Following her tenure with the California Civil Rights Department, Roya was an associate at Boies Schiller Flexner LLP and King & Spalding LLP, where she handled defense-side employment and business litigation as well as white collar criminal defense and investigations. Roya's civic involvement includes serving on the Pro Bono Council for Inner City Law Center.

“Cohen Williams’ culture, values, and caliber of work have resonated deeply with me since my first day here,” Roya said. “I couldn’t be more excited to take this next step in my career alongside such talented, thoughtful colleagues. I look forward to helping CW achieve its long-term objectives as a member of the leadership team.” Roya will continue in her role as co-chair of CW’s hiring committee, overseeing the firm’s recruiting efforts and mentoring junior lawyers.

Managing partner Marc Williams said, “We are thrilled to welcome Roya to the partnership. During her time at the firm, she has delivered the highest quality of service to our clients, including securing numerous successful outcomes in high-stakes matters.” Kathleen Erskine, who founded and leads CW’s employment practice, added, “Roya has earned our clients’ trust through her tireless advocacy and her clear command of the law. She is careful, compassionate, and willing to tackle the toughest issues head on.”

Rachael Robinson and Yusuf Saei will add further depth and strength to the firm’s bench.

Rachael’s practice focuses on criminal proceedings and appeals, particularly in the Ninth Circuit and the California Courts of Appeal. She has also served as the lead motions attorney in numerous federal criminal jury trials. Before joining CW, Rachael was an associate at a California-based litigation boutique, where she handled criminal appeals and civil business litigation. She began her career working under the former appellate chief of the U.S. Attorney’s Office.

Yusuf handles all stages of complex criminal and civil proceedings in state and federal courts nationwide, from pre-trial through appeal. He has particular expertise in critical motion practice, supported by his background as a federal clerk for the Hon. Jacqueline Nguyen of the Ninth Circuit and the Hon. Jesus G. Bernal of the Central District of California. Previously, Yusuf was an associate in the Los Angeles office of King & Spalding LLP.

“Both attorneys will be tremendously valuable assets to the firm,” said partner Reuven Cohen. “Rachael is a seasoned appellate practitioner with experience arguing cases in state and federal courts across California; Yusuf is a skilled litigator who knows the judicial system inside out. Their legal knowledge, strategic acumen, strong writing skills, and commitment to client service will power our firm’s continued growth.”

### **About Cohen Williams**

Cohen Williams LLP is a Los Angeles-based litigation boutique with national reach. The firm was founded in 2014 by three litigators who sought to build an elite team of trial lawyers that could tackle top-tier cases across California. Since then, it has evolved into a thriving litigation boutique firm that handles complex, high-stakes criminal and civil litigation in state and federal courts nationwide.

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