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FROM A MODEST BEGINNING, LAW FIRM BUILDS TO STATEWIDE PRESENCE, CELEBRATES 25TH ANNIVERSARY

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. — Starting out in temporary quarters in the janitor’s break room of a friendly colleague’s building, the law firm of Newmeyer & Dillion LLP marks its 25th anniversary this month, having grown to one of Orange County’s larger indigenous law firms — with more than 50 lawyers — and gained a statewide presence with its Walnut Creek office.

On August 13, 1984, the firm, co-founded by Tom Newmeyer and Greg Dillion, opened its doors in Newport Beach with the goal of building a full-service business law firm.

Beginning primarily as a business litigation firm, 25 years and a number of landmark decisions later, Newmeyer & Dillion is still known for its cutting-edge litigation practice, especially in real estate. Since that time, it has organically grown its legal expertise to encompass a broad range of transactional real estate, corporate and finance practice areas, eminent domain/inverse condemnation, land use/environmental, and labor and employment.

In 2005, the firm added an office in Walnut Creek to better serve its clients with operations in the Central Valley and Northern California. The office now has seven attorneys, a staff of 12 and later this year will relocate to new quarters, also in Walnut Creek, with 70% more space than its current 7,000 square feet.

Co-founders Greg Dillion and Tom Newmeyer attribute the firm’s long-term success to innovative legal strategies, a commitment to service that still claims several original clients, and fostering an atmosphere where people enjoy their work.

“We are proud to have achieved this milestone, despite the ups-and-downs of several business cycles since 1984,” said Dillion. “Our motto is ‘creating solutions,’ which has served our clients well.”

“We tried to create a climate for our employees that would reward hard work and also allow time for family and community,” Newmeyer added. “This commitment has been a key factor in our longevity.”

Newmeyer & Dillion offers statewide legal services from offices in Newport Beach and Walnut Creek, with its lawyers handling a diverse scope of business, real estate and financial matters. For additional information, contact Jeff Dennis at (949) 854-7000, or visit www.ndlf.com.

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