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NEWMAYER & DILLION LLP NAMES NEW PARTNER, ADDS 2 NEW ASSOCIATES

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. — Business and real estate-law firm Newmeyer & Dillion LLP continues to grow, adding two new lawyers to its Newport Beach headquarters.

Joining the firm's burgeoning transactional practice is Diana Chen, focusing on real estate and corporate law, while Shawn Ratcliff has been added to the highly regarded litigation group, where he specializes in business, construction and real estate.

"We welcome Diana and Shawn, whose expertise will further enhance our litigation and transactional practices to serve our growing list of clients," said Tom Newmeyer, co-founding partner.

Ratcliff earned his Juris Doctorate from Columbia Law School. While there, he participated in the Jerome Michael Jury Trial Competition and volunteered with the Legal Aid Society of New York. Ratcliff is a magna cum laude graduate of Marshall University with a B.B.A. degree in economics and minor in journalism.

Diana Chen received her law degree from the University of California Hastings College of the Law, where she was a member of the Hastings Communications and Entertainment Law Journal. While in law school, Chen served as a judicial extern for the Honorable Sandra Brown Armstrong of the United States District Court, Northern District of California.

Now in its 22nd year and with a second office in Walnut Creek, Newmeyer & Dillion LLP employs more than 50 lawyers providing litigation and transactional services in a wide range of business, real estate and financial services matters.

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