Press Release



Building on the Luce Forward Legacy

McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP Completes Merger with Luce Forward Hamilton & Scripps LLP

SAN DIEGO, CA (March 6, 2012) — McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP announced today that it has completed its merger with California-based Luce Forward, Hamilton & Scripps LLP (Luce Forward). The combined firm will continue to be known as McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP (MLA), and building on the Luce Forward legacy, will have more than 575 attorneys and public policy advisors in 13 offices and 11 markets.

"Our merger is about creating more value for our clients through an expanded network of attorneys and public policy advisers whose experience and expertise are exponentially more powerful when working together," said MLA Chairman Jeff Haidet. "Our complementary cultures and commitment to public service strengthen our ties to each other and to our communities. Furthermore, our thought leadership and ability to leverage economies of scale enable us to deliver innovative opportunities and solutions for our clients."

The combination of legal and public policy capabilities creates a firm that ranks among the top 70 largest law firms in the U.S. The firm has expanded legal capabilities in California and nationally, in real estate, litigation, corporate, family wealth, environmental, and employment practices. In addition, the integrated firm solidified its foothold as the top insurance practice in the U.S., representing some of the largest insurance carriers on the West and East coasts.

In California, MLA is now expected to rank among the 20 largest law firms, and the firm's real estate practice, which is one of the oldest and most recognized in the state, will rank among the top three largest practices on the West Coast.

"Our focus for the past 138 years has always been to provide our clients with the highest level of service and legal experience," said Luce Forward Managing Partner Kurt Kicklighter, now Executive Partner at MLA for California. "In combining with McKenna Long & Aldridge, we are able to build on the Luce Forward legacy and provide our clients with legal and business solutions across multiple legal specialties and on a national platform."

The combined firm has extraordinary depth and breadth of legal and public policy talent, along with a significant focus on community service. Through pro bono legal services, community service efforts, and the MLA Foundation, the combined firm supports over 230 charitable organizations each year.

McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP (MLA) is an international law firm with more than 575 attorneys and public policy advisors in 13 offices and 11 markets. The firm is uniquely positioned at the intersection of law, business and government, representing clients in the areas of complex litigation, corporate law, energy, environment, family wealth, finance, government contracts, health care, infrastructure, insurance, intellectual property, public policy, real estate, and technology.

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