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Litigation – Patent

**Elizabeth Balfour (Del Mar)**

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**Charles F. Barker (Los Angeles)**

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Mergers and Acquisitions Law

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Real Estate Law

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Litigation - Intellectual Property

Litigation - Patent

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Media Law

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Commercial Finance Law

**Kenneth J. Carl (Los Angeles)**

Real Estate Law

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Securitization and Structured Finance Law

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Entertainment Law - Motion Pictures and Television

Entertainment Law - Music

First Amendment Law

Litigation - Intellectual Property

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Health Care Law

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Litigation - Intellectual Property

Litigation – Patent

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Employment Law - Management

Litigation - Labor and Employment

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Litigation – Labor and Employment

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Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law

Venture Capital Law

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Commercial Litigation

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Construction Finance

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Energy, Infrastructure and Project Finance

Entertainment and Digital Media

Environmental

Environmental Litigation

Estate Planning and Wealth Transfer  
Government Contracts, Investigations & International Trade  
Healthcare  
Immigration  
Immigration  
Insurance Litigation  
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International Trade and Investment  
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Labor and Employment Litigation  
Litigation  
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Patent Litigation  
Patent Prosecution and Counseling  
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Real Estate and Land Use  
Securities Enforcement  
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Technology Transactions  
Trademark Applications and Prosecution  
Trademarks and Trade Dress  
Tribal and Indian Law  
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Construction  
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Insurance

Music

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