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Wilkinson Walsh + Eskovitz Expands Its Team As Beth Wilkinson Is Inducted to The American College of Trial Lawyers

Firm Grows to 29 Attorneys in First Year

Washington, D.C. —Wilkinson Walsh + Eskovitz partner and co-founder Beth Wilkinson was inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers this week, the group announced this week.

“I could not feel more honored about the American College of Trial Lawyers’ recognition, nor more grateful to our clients for trusting me and Wilkinson Walsh + Eskovitz to handle their important trials,” Wilkinson said.

The firm also announced that it continues to grow its trial boutique with the hiring of three young and experienced trial attorneys:

Jennifer Saulino, who joins as a partner from the Fraud Section of the Department of Justice;

Kosta Stojilkovic, who has joined the firm as a partner from the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of Virginia; and

Koren Bell (“Kori”), who will join the firm as counsel in Los Angeles from the Office of the Federal Public Defender in Los Angeles, where she is a Supervising Trial Deputy.

“We are proud of Beth for her recent recognition and thrilled to have Jennifer, Kosta, and Kori join our team of all-star trial lawyers,” said managing partner Brant Bishop. “We set out to be a firm of preeminent trial lawyers and to develop the best trial lawyers of the next generation. Beth’s induction to the American College of Trial Lawyers and the addition of Jennifer, Kosta, and Kori to our ranks shows that we are doing just that.”

Jennifer Saulino, age 43, joins Wilkinson Walsh + Eskovitz from the Department of Justice, where she was a trial attorney and the Assistant Chief of the Fraud Section and Director of the Deepwater Horizon Task Force since December 2014. Jennifer has tried ten complex federal jury cases to verdict in jurisdictions across the country; eight of them as the first chair trial

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lawyer. Among her other trials, Jennifer was the lead prosecutor in the case against a former BP engineer accused of obstruction of justice in connection with the 2010 BP oil spill. Jennifer will be based in the Washington, D.C. office.

Kosta Stojilkovic, age 37, is a former clerk to Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts. He comes to Wilkinson Walsh + Eskovitz after six and a half years trying cases as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia. While there, he prosecuted several major international fraud and bribery cases, as well as a precedent-setting trade secrets case. He received a Director's Award for superior performance, an Assistant Attorney General's Award for distinguished service, and an FBI Service Award. Kosta has tried ten complex federal cases to date, including seven as a lead prosecutor. He is based in the Washington, D.C. office.

Koren Bell, age 40, will join the Los Angeles office of Wilkinson Walsh + Eskovitz shortly after her October 2016 argument before the United States Supreme Court in a case under the federal bank fraud statute. She has spent the past eight years at the Office of the Federal Public Defender in Los Angeles, where she represents clients in complex federal trial matters and appeals and supervises litigation in the Trial Unit. Among her ten trials, Koren has defended an international illegal gratuities case, a landmark criminal prosecution under the Digital Millennium Copyright Act, and cases alleging schemes to commit bank fraud, wire fraud, and mail fraud. Earlier in her career, Koren clerked for Ninth Circuit Judge Stephen Reinhardt and was in private practice at a major law firm in New York.

According to Wilkinson Walsh + Eskovitz founding partner Sean Eskovitz, who heads the firm's Los Angeles office, "Jennifer, Kosta, and Kori have exactly what we are always looking for: energy, intelligence and courtroom confidence. Adding them to the Wilkinson Walsh + Eskovitz team expands our ability to provide top-drawer trial talent to clients."

Wilkinson Walsh + Eskovitz has been in business since February. The firm has grown to 27 lawyers, with two more associates slated to join before year end. By the end of this year, the firm will include 18 associates, 3 counsel, and 8 partners. Five of the partners are under age 45, four are women, and all have significant trial experience.

"One of the keys to Wilkinson Walsh's success is the performance of its young and dynamic team of lawyers," said founding partner, Brian Stekloff. "We believe our focus on developing young trial lawyers means better client service and better client outcomes."

Just two months after opening its doors, Wilkinson Walsh won its first trial victory when a jury in St. Louis returned a verdict finding that Altria Group Inc.'s Philip Morris unit did not deceive a class of Missouri smokers with the marketing of Marlboro Lights cigarettes. Two months later, associates at the firm won a victory for a pro bono client in a domestic abuse case.

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The firm has several additional trials scheduled in state and federal courts through the end of this year and next, for clients such as Pfizer, Facebook, and Medtronic.

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