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## Meyers Nave merging with labor boutique Brown Law Group

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**M**eyers Nave Riback Silver & Wilson PLC announced Monday a merger with San Diego boutique labor and employment powerhouse Brown Law Group that will be finalized on Oct. 1.

“In this era with what we’re seeing with COVID-19 and social justice issues widespread throughout the country, more and more private companies and public entities are looking for legal services to navigate these issues we’re all facing,” said David W. Skinner, managing principal at Meyers Nave in a phone interview on Monday.

Skinner said he and the other members of the executive team at Meyers Nave are very pleased to be bringing on Janice P. Brown, founder and chief strategy officer of Brown Law Group, as an equity partner. “With Janice’s depth and breadth of experience, this definitely puts Meyers Nave at the

forefront of handling those issues,” Skinner added.

Brown said one of the attractions of joining Meyers Nave was its obvious commitment to diversity. “This is represented not only by the lawyers at the firm but also their top leadership. It’s not just a page on their website. A lot of firms talk about it but don’t walk the talk,” Brown said. “Sometimes folks don’t recognize your reputation isn’t just who you are as a person but it’s your network and the fact that I am a rainmaker in the sense I have a great network of people who refer clients to me from all over the country. I’ll be able to take that network and expand it.”

Camille Hamilton Pating, chair of Meyers Nave’s state-wide labor and employment practice and workplace investigations practice said Monday, “From my perspective we’ve been wanting to get litigation capacity expanded particularly in the Southern California area for a long time. The Brown Law

Group and Janice Brown really fit the bill in every way. Janice is a seasoned employment, commercial, and business litigator with over 30 years’ experience representing national private clients in very high impact litigation. For me, it was a no-brainer to want to partner with her.”

Brown said Meyers Nave’s offer was “unique” for a big firm because their proposition recognized the value of her approach and respected what she has built.

“David Skinner wrote me the best email ever,” Brown said. “He understood what we could contribute to Meyers Nave and I understood what he could contribute to us. There was an appreciation for what I built as one of the few black-owned, women-owned firms in the United States who does civil litigation for companies.”

“They said you have something special and we think we can help you enhance it,” Brown added. “As someone who’s been wooed by other law firms, that’s unique.”

Brown said she will be bringing long-term clients such as the Los Angeles Chargers and Bank of America. “All my clients have been saying, ‘Oh we’re so glad for you. We’ve been saying for years you need more help,’” Brown said. “We tend to punch above our weight.”

Deborah J. Fox, chair of Meyers Nave’s statewide First Amendment and trial and litigation practice groups and member of the firm’s executive committee, thinks the decision will be well received by clients on both sides.

“Janice is a powerhouse, just in a league of her own. She’s bringing on a great team and we’re very excited about increasing our depth in the employment litigation field,” Fox said. “She’s someone who is so charismatic and energetic just as much as she is legally talented, so we’re very much looking forward to adding her to the Meyers Nave family.”

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