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## Ventura County Office Extends GRSM50's Golden State Reach

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Law360 (February 12, 2024, 3:18 PM EST) -- San Francisco-founded Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani LLP has opened an office in Ventura County, California — its 10th physical presence in the Golden State and its 78th locale overall, the firm said Monday.

Debra Ellwood Meppen, who chairs the firm's national labor and employment law practice group and its women's initiative, was named office managing partner.

The firm, which brands itself as GRSM50, said the new office is strategically located in the heart of Central California and will provide litigation services to clients between Woodland Hills and Santa Barbara County.



Debra Ellwood Meppen

"As the office managing partner, I am dedicated to fostering a culture

of collaboration and mutual growth," Meppen said in an email. "The Ventura County office is not just about establishing a physical presence; it's about creating a hub that actively contributes to our firm's capabilities. We see this as an opportunity to diversify our skills, expand our reach, and deliver unparalleled value to our local clients with local talent, while contributing to our national platform's cohesive integration."

"The Ventura County office represents a strategic step forward in enhancing our firm's capabilities and reinforcing our commitment to client success," she added. "We are committed to servicing this region with exceptional local talent who are well integrated into the fabric of this vibrant community."

The Ventura County office is at 1000 Town Center Drive in Oxnard. Its litigation and transactional attorneys work in the entertainment, retail, medical, educational, religious, employment, aviation, hospitality and commercial litigation spaces, and provide counsel on employment and risk avoidance issues.

GRSM50's other California offices are in Carlsbad, Fresno, Irvine, Los Angeles, Oakland, Ontario, Sacramento, San Diego and San Francisco.

The firm announced its **rebranding** as GRSM50 in October as part of its efforts to become known for having at least one office in each of the 50 states.

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