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## Allen Matkins Elects 8 As Partners in California Offices

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Eight [Allen Matkins](#) attorneys are in the new partner class in the firm's Orange County, Los Angeles and San Francisco offices, the California-based firm announced Wednesday.

Margaret Akerblom, Nicholas DuBroff, Emily Feder, Peter Griffin, Timothy Kelly, Grayson Marshall, Nathaniel Touboul and Andrew Wood will assume their new jobs on July 1. Jeff Patterson, the firm's managing partner, told Law360 this was Allen Matkins' largest group of partners elected at one time in a year. The attorneys have experience in the real estate, litigation, land use and environmental sectors, according to the firm's statement.

"This year's exceptional new partner class further bolsters our impressive group of young partners and future leaders of the firm," Patterson said in a statement. "... [they] each exemplify the culture of entrepreneurship, client service and community involvement Allen Matkins values in its lawyers. Congratulations to all of them on this achievement."

Allen Matkins Promotes 8 to Partner in Calif.

ATTORNEY	OFFICE	PRACTICE AREA
Marty Akerblom	Los Angeles	Land use, environmental and natural resources
Emily Feder	Los Angeles	Real Estate
Peter Griffin	Los Angeles	Business and real estate litigation
Andrew Wood	Orange County, Calif.	Real estate litigation
Nick DuBroff	San Francisco	Land use
Tim Kelly	San Francisco	Real Estate
Trey Marshall	San Francisco	Litigation
Nate Touboul	San Francisco	Real estate finance and transactions

Akerblom is a member of the firm's land use, environmental and natural resources group in the Los Angeles office. She has represented public agencies and developers in land-use matters including commercial, residential and mixed-use development projects in California. Akerblom earned her bachelor's degree from the University of California and her law degree from Loyola Law School in Los Angeles.

Feder is a real estate attorney in the Los Angeles office practice focusing on representing borrowers and lenders in real estate property financing, according to the statement. She also assists with acquisition and dispositions and has a background in community development financing. Feder earned her bachelor's degree from [Princeton University](#) and her law degree from the [University of Virginia School of Law](#).

Griffin, a business and real estate litigation attorney, is based in Los Angeles. He has wide experience including disputes among partners, employees and employers, shareholders and corporate directors, commercial tenants and landlords, and buyers and sellers. Griffin earned his bachelor's degree from Stanford University and his law degree from [UCLA School of Law](#).

DuBroff is also a land use attorney in the San Francisco office assisting developers, planners, architects and property owners in obtaining development approvals. DuBroff earned his bachelor's degree from Middlebury College and his law degree from University of California, Berkeley, School of Law.

Kelly is a member of the firm's San Francisco real estate development team advising clients on commercial real estate transactions. He has counseled buyers, sellers and landlords of office, retail, industrial, multifamily and mixed-use properties. Kelly earned his bachelor's degree from [Boston College](#) and his law degree from Fordham School of Law.

Marshall is a litigation attorney in San Francisco with a practice focused on complex commercial, technology and real estate litigation in state and federal court. Marshall earned his bachelor's degree from the University of California, Berkeley and law degree from University of California Hastings School of Law.

Touboul, a real estate finance and transactional lawyer in the San Francisco office, represents clients in complex real estate transactions. His experience includes secured lending, commercial leasing, acquisitions and dispositions. Touboul earned his bachelor's degree from University of Miami School of Business Administration and his law degree University of Miami School of Law.

Wood is a real estate litigator in the Orange County office. He works on real estate litigation disputes in California, specializing in commercial lease disputes between landlords and tenants. Wood earned his bachelor's degree from Stanford University and law degree from the UCLA School of Law.

"The commercial real estate market is a little bit challenged, and that's the focus of our firm, in large part," Patterson said. "We try not to let short-term swings in the market affect important decisions like this. Instead, we look at what's in the best long-term interest in the firm and how these people will affect the future success of the firm."

--Editing by Peter Rozovsky.