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FEDERAL PROSECUTOR ARIEL A. NEUMAN JOINS BIRD MARELLA

-- Attorney has represented the United States in numerous high-profile criminal investigations --

LOS ANGELES, CA. – The Los Angeles-based litigation firm Bird, Marella, Boxer, Wolpert, Nessim, Drooks & Lincenberg, P.C. announced that Ariel A. Neuman, federal prosecutor and Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Central District of California, has joined the firm as Of Counsel. Mr. Neuman, who worked at the U.S. Attorney's Office since 2007, most recently in the Major Frauds Section, acted as lead federal prosecutor representing the United States in numerous high-profile criminal investigations and prosecutions. He has successfully handled a range of cases, including art theft, tax evasion, multimillion bank fraud schemes, racketeering prosecutions, securities fraud, real estate fraud and many others.

"Ariel has a breadth of experience that will support Bird Marella's robust white collar practice and will serve as a considerable asset to our clientele," said Bird Marella principal Ronald J. Nessim. "We are thrilled to welcome him as part of our team."

Mr. Neuman's representative cases as an Assistant U.S. Attorney include a \$20 million bank fraud case involving short sale and mortgage manipulation; the extradition of producer Bruce Beresford Redmond for the murder of his wife at a Cancun Mexico resort; investigation of corrupt law enforcement officers for interfering with federal investigations, and several racketeering prosecutions targeting violent street gangs, prison gangs and international drug trafficking organizations, each of which encompassed more than 50 defendants, making them among the largest such cases in the country.

"I learned a great deal during my time at the U.S. Attorney's Office, and I look forward to bringing that knowledge to bear in my cases at Bird Marella," said Mr. Neuman. "My hope is that my experience can in some way enhance the already sterling reputation of the firm."

Among his many accolades, Mr. Neuman has received recognition from the U.S. Department of Justice, the Anti-Defamation League, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Peace Officers' Association of L.A. County and the L.A. Sheriff's Department. He serves as Visiting Faculty at Harvard Law School teaching courtroom and presentation skills for Trial Advocacy Workshops.

Mr. Neuman received his Juris Doctorate from Harvard Law School *magna cum laude*, and obtained his Bachelor of Arts *magna cum laude* from Columbia University with an emphasis in political science.

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