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McGuireWoods opens second LA location via small merger

Founder of Integer Law Corp. Gregory Evans joins the firm with three associates

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Prominent litigator Gregory Evans has merged his small practice with McGuireWoods LLP. The move provides a second Los Angeles office to the 1,000-lawyer firm.

Evans founded Integer Law Corp in 2010. The litigation boutique attracted high-profile clients including Nike Inc., The Sherwin-Williams Co. and Asarco Inc. As the workload expanded, Evans realized a need to for change.

"I could continue to grow Integer, or I could merge with a firm that is a perfect fit in every way," Evans said. "I have the highest regard for McGuireWoods, which has a reputation for excellent legal work, amazing client service and great results."

Prior to founding Integer, Evans worked in Los Angeles as a partner at Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP. He was also a San Francisco-based litigator with Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP.

"We have come to know Greg well over the

last five years as we worked closely together on highly complex litigation," said Leonard J. Marsico, the chair of McGuireWoods' commercial litigation department

"The addition of a downtown L.A. office complements our thriving Century City practice and positions us to rapidly expand our litigation practice," he added.

Integer's three associates will join McGuireWoods in the Los Angeles office.

In 2009, Evans led litigation work for the largest environmental bankruptcy settlement in U.S. history. Asarco Inc., a copper mining subsidiary of Grupo Mexico, paid \$1.8 billion after it was found liable for lead and arsenic poisoning along with other contamination.

Evans earned a win for Asarco in 2012 when the Environmental Protection Agency paid the company \$15 million after it was revealed the agency destroyed evidence beneficial to the company

"Greg Evans is fearless, graceful and effective for us," Asarco General Counsel Jorge Lalalde said. "We will continue to look to Greg, now backed up with 1,000 lawyers at McGuireWoods, to handle our environmental litigation nationally."

Evans will be managing partner at the new downtown office, which is McGuireWoods' 21st office worldwide.